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'SPLASH FOR A CAUSE'

With a $5 donation, residents can unwind and recharge at Saipan World Resort's water park while at the same time helping typhoon relief efforts. Proceeds of this 10-day fund-raiser will be matched by Saipan World Resort and donated to a non-government organization. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

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MORE THAN 3 WEEKS AFTER SOUDELOR

More than 200 still in shelters

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Ben Camacho, his wife Jojo, and their two daughters were rescued from their home in San Roque two days after Typhoon Soudelor tore through their home. Rescuers found them seeking refuge in the corner of their bedroom under a mattress.

Camacho is one of about 123 typhoon victims at the Office on Aging who are still in shelters three weeks and two days after Soudelor caused islandwide damage, destroying about 2,600 homes.

"My house is destroyed…We were in there at the time the typhoon came on us and we ran to the room and hid under the mattress…the wind sounded like a huge lion roaring and we saw our roof fly off,"

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Almost 8K households register for NAP disaster aid

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A total of 7,938 households sought help from the disaster assistance program of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Nutritional Assistance Program.

NAP director Walter Macaranas this total was posted after registration ended yesterday at 8pm.

Macaranas told *Saipan Tribune* that the schedule for those who were able to register will be announced in the coming days.

After the deadline yesterday, NAP will no longer accept applications.

NAP originally set the issuance of disaster and supplemental food stamps to run only from Aug. 21 to 26. However, they were able to receive approval from the Food and Nutrition Service for an ex-

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VOAD will track all donations

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An umbrella organization of volunteer groups will track and monitor all donations—whether cash or in-kind—that are streaming into the Commonwealth as relief and recovery operations continue in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

The group, called the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, has started work and had its first meeting on Monday.

"For the long-term recovery planning, members of the VOAD are formalizing

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Local

TM Corp claim on CUC unfounded and past due—OAG

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The Office of the Attorney General shares the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s view that no further payment should be made to TM Corp., which has insisted they have a $904,619 claim on CUC for a wastewater project completed years ago.

Essentially, TM's claim is for a combination of standby costs and claims for "hard rock excavation" done during their project in the Chinatown Sewer Project in the early 2000s.

In a letter to CUC, assistant attorney general Christoper Timmons said the records reviewed reflect a disagreement between CUC and TM regarding delayed performance.

Timmons said, however, that the request should be denied based in part upon the compromise reached and reflected in a "Change Order 2." This was a "no cost time extension" that encompassed the delays for which TM is seeking compensation.

"By entering into this change order, TM waived any claims it may have had for standby costs, and in turn, CUC waived its claims for liquidated damages for delayed performance."

Timmons said that CUC procurement regulations governing the contract provide that "any dispute regarding these events should have been brought by the firm to CUC within 10 days of the facts giving rise to the dispute.

"And to the extent it disagreed [with CUC's] determination it should have made a timely appeal," Timmons added.

In the OAG letter, Timmons also concurred with CUC's earlier analysis that the order of precedence for the contract terms and conditions gives "preference" to the "special provisions" in the contract. This, over the plans, specifications, or general provisions.

The special provisions, Timmons said, clearly indicate that no payment will be made for hard rock excavation.

"Accordingly this claim was properly denied," Timmons writes.

And just like the standby issue, any claims should have conformed with CUC procurement regulations and made within 10 days of the facts giving rise to the claim.

"TM Corp. did not timely appeal the [CUC executive] director's decision rendered on Aug. 25, 2003, stating 'your claims for hard rock and standby charges are not justified and that [sic] no additional payment will be made for them.' TM Corp. failed to exhaust its administrative remedies in this regard. Instead of following CUC procurement regulations…it is clear from the files that TM Corp. executed Change Order No. 2 on Nov. 10, 2003, in effect waiving its previously asserted claims.

"Having waived these claims and having failed to exhaust its administrative remedies, TM Corp. attempted to revive its claims again in August of 2004, then again in 2007, and now again in 2015. Just as its requests were denied previously, they should be denied again," Timmons said.

Timmons concluded that the company's claims have long been "time barred" as a result of the applicable statute of limitations.

The OAG recommends that CUC and its board decline to further consider TM's request, Timmons said, adding that should TM attempt to sue CUC for these claims, the Office of Attorney General would defend the Commonwealth against such charges.

VOLUNTEERS UNITE
Some key movers that drive the island's volunteer relief and recovery efforts gathered yesterday to distribute relief goods. Seen in this photo are Diane Torres, Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres' wife and of the Lady Dian Foundation, Jenny Hegland of United 4 Saipan and volunteers Nola Hix of Marianas Young Professionals, Matt Guerrero, Jennifer White-Aguon and Tao Xing of Best Sunshine International.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A resident of Kagman who took temporary shelter in a tent was among those who received much-needed clean drinking water from Best Sunshine International' s Chief Services Officer Tao Xing yesterday afternoon. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

2 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Garapan Fishing Dock and Tanapag Meeting Hall and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

For Guam roofing company, venture into NMI provides meaningful work

Murphy Enterprises Inc. has arrived on Saipan to assist with needed roof repairs on island after the destruction of Typhoon Soudelor.

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Murphy Enterprises Inc., a roof remodeling and repair company out of Guam, is looking to provide a steady flow of materials and services to Saipan after devastating Typhoon Soudelor hit over three weeks ago, bringing with them two Saipan sons eager to help restore the island to the place it once was.

These two Saipan sons are Tony Aguon and Ignacio Aldan. They graduated from Kagman High School about five years ago and moved to Guam where they found work with Murphy Enterprises.

Company owner Matthew Murphy told *Saipan Tribune* they are looking to set up a "permanent base" on Saipan.

"We saw the news and how bad it was and they said 'Boss, we want to help,'" Murphy said, referring to Aguon and Aldan.

The three arrived on Saipan three days after Typhoon Soudelor hit.

When *Saipan Tribune* interviewed them on Monday, they had just finished work on emergency re-roofing repairs on Atkins Kroll.

Murphy Enterprises Inc. specializes in steel roof and remodeling.

Aguon, who has worked for Murphy since 2014, said he didn't know he would be returning home.

"I was shocked," Aguon said when he saw the storm's damage. "I didn't expect it to be like this. I was hurt too. I have sisters and brothers here."

Since his return, Aguon said they have repaired and replaced a lot of damaged roofs.

"We are working everyday," he said. "I feel happy to be back on the island to help. This is my place. I'm willing to help."

Ignacio Aldan, who has not been back to the island for five years, feels the same way. He said he is "trying to make the island beautiful again."

When asked to describe the thoughts he had upon returning home, he said, "I don't know what to say—it was sad."

Meaningful work

Murphy Enterprises hopes to bring a constant flow of materials, communication, and construction services between its Saipan and Guam locations to help Saipan improve daily life and establish normalcy.

Murphy says he has been working closely with insurance adjustors at Century Insurance, putting out proposals and putting these into people's hands.

Murphy says the damage was worse than he thought, noting damage to supposedly typhoon-proof "roll-up doors" around the island.

"We get them from Australia and they are designed to withstand 175-mile hour winds. They're stamped by an engineer. There's a special typhoon track, a steel track that get's encased in—so when the door's down the chance of it blowing away are very, very minimal."

But when debris hits or penetrates a building, Murphy said, whether it be tin or a piece of wood, the roll-up door "starts to unravel."

"That's what I've seen," he said, noting damage around the airport, port, and Lower Base areas.

Murphy said he is looking to provide services and help people by doing surveys and damage estimates for them.

"I'm giving a line-item breakdown. I try to give it to them in something simple and easy to read. Take photos with it. I cut and paste descriptions of what the photo is about," he said.

Murphy says he plans to be here for at least a year.

"But we'll have a permanent base here, from now on," he added. "I personally will be here at least a year, going back and forth to Guam."

More information about Murphy and his work can be found at murphyenterprises.net

They have recently added a "Saipan" section to their website. Murphy can be reached at 484-7646.

Residents cry foul over defective generators sold them

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A Guam-based company is being accused of selling rusted, moldy, and mildewed generators to Typhoon Souledor-battered Saipan residents who said they were duped into buying the defective machines.

Rep. Ed Propst (Ind-Saipan) said he has received some calls from constituents who purchased brand new generators from a company in Guam called "Tanks-A-Lot."

"Apparently the generators they got have mechanical problems and cannot start and now they are being told by the company that they cannot get any refunds," Propst said.

"I'm deeply concerned about this and ask all of our people to be careful when purchasing anything and make sure you are fully aware of the company's return policy and that you have a copy of it," he added.

Propst said he will be formally requesting the CNMI's Office of the Attorney General to look into the company's business practices, particularly the sale of alleged defective generators to Saipan, whose residents have been struggling without power since Soudelor struck last Aug. 2 and 3.

Saipan Tribune contacted Tanks-A-Lot in Guam but the company declined to comment.

According to their Facebook page, the company said the generators they sold were in the warehouse for a few years and some may have developed surface rust. Tanks-A-Lot, however, insists that the generators are brand new.

One Saipan resident posted a complaint on the company's Facebook page, but the company said the complaint was incorrect.

"Sorry, it needs to be wiped down. Please sell it and sell to a neighbor, if you like. Air freight company would not accept damaged boxes so we changed our final shipments to WB and Home Sound System new boxes, just to have BBB accept the shipment. That's the honest to God truth. Resell if you're not happy. Sorry for any post misunderstanding," a response posted on the company's Facebook page stated.

One resident who reached out to Propst also said that one of their daughters bought a geneator from the company, only to call back three days later to ask for replacement parts because it wouldn't start anymore.

Another resident said that when she got the generator from the company, it arrived rusted and some parts looked used. That was in the first week of August and has since had it repaired multiple times.

"It came with no user's manual and the description on the receipt didn't match what they verbally said the wattage was. We are taking it up with them…" she said.

'Gas siphoning suspects smoked 'ice' prior to stealing'

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Vincent P. Cabrera and Benter J. Castro smoked methamphetamine or "ice" prior to siphoning off fuel from two vans, according to court documents.

As this developed, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman yesterday imposed a $5,000 cash bail for each suspect and set the preliminary hearing for Sept. 2 at 9am.

Citing the suspects' criminal history, Wiseman noted that the new charges are theft and criminal mischief, which are both misdemeanors.

"What a big crime. Wow!" the judge sarcastically told the defendants, who were arrested on Tuesday early morning.

Police detective Edward M. Cepeda disclosed in his report that Cabrera admitted to siphoning gasoline from a van at Resta Horizon Apartments in Sadog Tasi and from another van at the Sandy Beach Homes in Chalan Kanoa.

Cepeda said that, according to Cabrera, Castro picked him up at his uncle's house in San Antonio and they both proceeded to Castro's house in San Roque.

Cepeda said the two parked their truck outside the residence and smoked "ice."

Castro stated he needed to get gas so they drove to the Sandy Beach Homes parking lot, where they siphoned gas from a white Ford van with license plate BUS-1156.

After Sandy Homes, the two drove to Resta Horizon Apartments' parking lot, where they also siphoned gas from a white Econoline van with license plate BUS-1249.

When they saw a light from a car coming from the hill, the two ran back and hid inside their green Toyota T 100 pickup truck, with personalized license plate "HIDE."

Cepeda said a witness, however, saw the incident at Resta Horizon Apartments and immediately called the police on Tuesday at 4:50am. Responding police officers arrested the two suspects at the scene.

Police urged any other victims of a similar gas siphoning incidents to contact police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan at 664-9001 as the same suspects may be involved.

Scholarship application deadline on Oct. 2

Application forms are now available for the Businesswoman of the Year Scholarship for the fall 2015 semester. The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 2, 2015.

The program, which is sponsored by First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine*, provides student scholarships at three higher education institutions in the Marianas: University of Guam, Guam Community College, and the Northern Marianas College. Recent graduates from Guam's and the CNMI's high schools who are enrolling in the islands' tertiary institutions are invited to apply as well.

The scholarships are intended to promote higher education by providing financial assistance for college students in their pursuit of professional careers, and are open to both full-time and part-time students. The scholarships will be awarded based on merit, eligibility, a written essay, and financial need.

Application forms may be picked up at the financial aid offices of UOG, GCC, and NMC, at the First Hawaiian Bank branches, and the Glimpses of Guam office. Applications can also be downloaded from www.marianas.edu. Although the application form states that application forms are due on Aug. 31, 2015, the actual deadline has been extended and the new deadline for submission is Oct. 2, 2015.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5484 or email Daisy Manglona-Propst at daisy.propst@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Greer, 19, gets 30-month prison term for beating, robbing cab driver

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Daimeionne K. Greer, a 19-year-old man who beat up and robbed a taxi driver, was slapped yesterday with a six-year prison term, all suspended except for 30 months for robbery.

Greer was given credit for time served. After completing the prison term, he will be placed on five years of probation. He was ordered to pay a $200 fine, $25 court costs, and $100 probation fee.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman said restitution will be determined later once all invoices are submitted.

Wiseman acknowledged that Greer accepted responsibility for his actions and is remorseful, but also noted that the seriousness of the crime warrants an appropriate prison term.

At the sentencing hearing yesterday, Greer apologized to the court, the taxi driver, and his parents.

Greer pleaded guilty last April 6 to robbery as part of a plea deal.

Greer struck the victim, Cheng Zhe Piao, in the head as the victim was driving, on Nov. 30, 2014, in San Vicente. He also took $70 - $80 from the driver.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds had recommended a sentence of four years, to be served without the possibility of parole. Chester also recommended that Greer should pay $22,595 in restitution.

Hinds said that Greer poses a threat to the community based on his criminal actions and his disrespect for other people and their property.

In his sentencing memorandum, the prosecutor said Greer and a co-defendant called a taxi with the plan to rob the taxi driver, Piao. Hinds said Greer struck Piao, causing him to lose control of the car, go off the road, and crash at the bottom of a grassy slope.

Hinds said Greer and his co-defendant took money from Piao and left. He said the car was basically totaled—all for about $80, which was spent on vodka, snacks, and other things.

Fortunately, Hinds said, the victim only has a scar over his eye from the incident, but as stated in the presentence investigation report of the Office of Adult Probation, he still has headaches and is uneasy when left alone.

"This case is very serious and the sentence should reflect the harm that was done," he said.

Hinds also noted that Greer's bail was revoked due to a reported assault on another student at a school.

9 water bottling firms produce safe drinking water

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulate all public water systems in the CNMI to ensure that the water systems provide safe water to the public. As of the end of June 2015 there were 69 active public water systems in the CNMI. These public water systems include the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. water systems on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota; bottled water companies; hotels and resorts that have their own source of water; and restaurants, apartment buildings and other small businesses that have their own source of water that they treat and provide to the public or their employees.

There are 14 companies on Saipan regulated by BECQ that make drinking water specifically for the 5-gallon refillable bottles. As of Aug. 25, nine of these companies are in operation producing and in some cases delivering drinking water. Personnel from BECQ and USEPA have inspected and collected samples from all of the active bottle water companies. The nine active bottled water companies on Saipan are producing safe drinking water. These companies are:

- Aqua Water (San Antonio)
- Eucon Water (Papago)
- JG Sablan (Garapan)
- Marianas Ice and Water (Capital Hill)
- Payless Market (Chalan Kanoa)
- Saipan Ice and Water (Lower Base)
- S.T.A.R. Marianas Inc. (Iliying)
- The Water Company (Lower Base)
- Twinkle Bright (San Antonio)

BECQ and EPA personnel are in the process of inspecting and sampling the other Public water systems on Saipan. To date, all hotels, resorts and restaurants inspected are also providing safe water.

Currently, CUC on Saipan is unable to provide 24-hour water in their pipes. Since the pipes are periodically empty, the pipes are subject to contamination from water in the ground. BECQ encourages everyone to sanitize any water provided by CUC by either boiling for 1 to 5 minutes, or by adding chlorine bleach according to the chart below.

Water disinfection

Water may be disinfected by adding a small amount of household bleach (non-scented), such as clorox using the following chart:

CONTAINER SIZE	AMOUNT OF BLEACH	
	CLEAR WATER	CLOUDY WATER
1 GALLON	3 DROPS	6 DROPS
5 GALLON	15 DROPS	30 DROPS
55 GALLON	1-½ TEASPOONS	1 TABLESPOON
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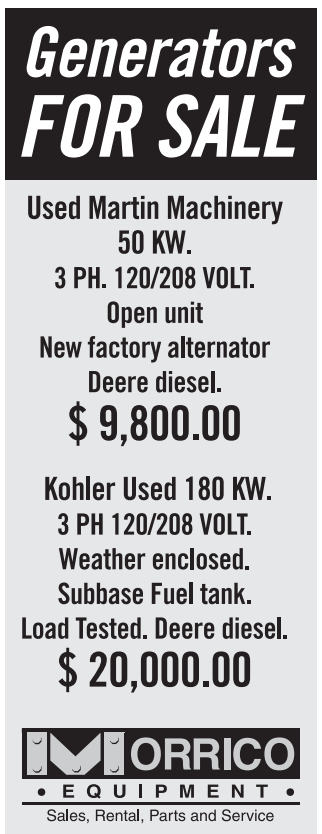

Enjoy World Resort water park for $5, help typhoon relief efforts

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For a small donation of just $5, you will get a full-day access to Saipan World Resort's spectacular Wave Jungle water park. In return, that $5 will be matched by Saipan World Resort and the total will be donated to typhoon relief efforts on Saipan.

That's the deal that Saipan World Resort is offering people and, although the company has set an initial limit of 100 persons per day, they have been exceeding this number every day since Saturday, according to Mike Babauta, the company's local sales and marketing and public relations manager.

"We wanted, in a sense, if the community donated $5, for them to get something out of it. So with their $5 donation, they can come here, enjoy the water park, get away from the stress, the chaos," Babauta said.

The 10-day typhoon relief fundraiser will give residents whole-day access to all water park amenities such as the Wave Jungle and their Aquaglide water park inflatable equipment at the beach.

The donation rate is much, much lower than their regular water park rate of $30 for adults and $20 for children.

"The $5, we're not getting anything out of it. Everything will be donated to typhoon relief. And on top of that, whatever we collect, World Resort will match it," Babauta said

He said they've been exceeding their 100-person limit per day as didn't want to turn away residents who just want to have a fun and relaxing time.

"It's been crazy. …We try to accommodate everybody. It's just based on safety reason, based on equipment that we try to limit the number," he said.

Babauta said they are still thinking where the funds will go but they are considering non-government organizations such as the American Red Cross and Karidat.

World Resort itself did not escape Soudelor's wrath but Babauta said the facilities were fixed after a week for the public to enjoy.

"Some of the slides were down; the pools were heavily tainted with dirt. It took some time but we got it going," Babauta said.

"Before we opened, our maintenance team went overtime trying to fix everything. Cracks, nails, glass, everything. They worked overtime to clean up and make everything safe," he added.

World Resort's typhoon fundraiser will last until Aug. 31. For more information or reservation, call 234-500.

Board opens up 12 new positions in wake of Soudelor

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board has opened up a total 12 positions within the utility, mostly for power distribution crew.

In three separate motions last week, board members voted for five new positions for Tinian, five new positions on Rota, and two new positions on Saipan.

Citing 70 unfilled positions at CUC, board members noted the positions would be within budget.

Albert Taitano, the board member from Rota, motioned to open five new positions on Rota, specifically a safety officer, a warehouse assistant, two line crew for power distribution, and one cashier.

Board member Joe Torres, from Saipan, motioned for two trade assistants for Saipan power position.

Tinian board member Eric San Nicolas motioned to open four positions for either their water or power crew, and one administrative assistant position.

For the need for a warehouse manager, Taitano said that after Typhoon Dolphin there was a warehouse that went unchecked.

"…We have a warehouse there that nobody takes care. After a typhoon, everyone just goes in and take anything without any kind of inventory. We need someone to be responsible for that," he said.

San Nicolas said he has been communicating with the deputy director on Tinian who has been expressing the need for these positions.

CUC Power Manager Gary Camacho added that the reason why they need a couple more crew on Rota, and Tinian for that matter, is that when CUC get into situations like the destruction left behind by Typhoon Soudelor, CUC "will draw" from the other islands.

Legislators to seek legal opinion on cash donations

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The House of Representatives will seek the legal opinion of the CNMI Attorney General regarding cash donations to the Legislature.

House Speaker Joseph D. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) cited a $100,000 cash donation that Best Sunshine International, Ltd. pledged to give to the House of Representatives.

"The latest agreement is we have to turn over the money to the [Saipan] Mayor's Office," Deleon Guerrero said.

What usually happens, according to Deleon Guerrero, is that donations will go to the Department of Finance, which will then release the funds to the intended recipient.

"So the House of Representatives won't physically get it [cash donation]. It will go from Best Sunshine to an account set up by Department of Finance and then it will be given to the Mayor's Office for that purpose [hiring of manpower and equipment for cleanup]," Deleon Guerrero said.

However, this had to be put on hold.

"Even Best Sunshine also does not want to do it if it is not legal. We have to clear this first with the AG," Deleon Guerrero said, stressing that "the money will not come to us."

Deleon Guerrero added that "whatever manner or form, donations will not be received by the Legislature, and no, we are not the ones to spend it. Instead, it will be a 'pass through' to the recipient."

The lawmaker said in his personal opinion, "we should not be the ones distributing anything."

"That is not our job, we can look good doing it, but that should not be the case. If it's food items, give it to Karidat or Red Cross. If it's cash, give it to the Mayor's Office," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said "this can be construed as a conflict of interest."

"It can be misconstrued—I'm not saying it is—as some kind of gesture from Best Sunshine because we passed the [casino] law," Deleon Guerrero said.

The scenario is that Best Sunshine donates the cash, the Legislature receives, and then it is given to the people.

"And then in the future, there needs to be an amendment to the casino law, and that could put us in a position of conflict of interest. And none of us will be able to vote on it. That is my worry," he said. "We should not put ourselves into that kind of a position."

MATUA opposes HPO's artifact agreement with BSI's contracted archaeologist

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The MATUA Council for Chamoru Advancement is opposing the agreement between the Department of Community and Cultural Affair's Historic Preservation Office and Scientific Consulting Services, insisting that the indigenous people of the CNMI should first be consulted on what to do with any artifacts that may be unearthed from a proposed casino resort site.

In a letter addressed to HPO director and state historic preservation officer Mertie Towai Kani, MATUA president and founding member Liana S. Hofschneider urged Kani to immediately rescind the agreement "and to seek consultation first with the Chamoru on the disposition of the remains of our ancestors and artifacts."

On July 13, HPO signed an Artifact Agreement with Scientific Consulting Services, the contracted archaeologist of Best Sunshine's mother company, Imperial Pacific International LLC.

Hofschneider said the agreement "is blatantly irresponsible and disrespectful to our people in that it did not provide for any consultation with the rightful owners of the remains and artifacts—the Chamorus."

With the agreement authorizing SCS to borrow anything found at Anaguan during their burial recovery archaeological work, MATUA said SCS is being authorized to ship "ancestors off-island."

Anaguan, the site for the casino and hotel of Best Sunshine International, Ltd. in Garapan, is an ancient village and burial site as early as 1300 A.D., and is said to be where the Spanish-Chamoru War happened in the 1660s. As of July 31, a total of 596 human remains were exhumed in the site.

SHELTERS

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Camacho said.

Another shelter resident said their home was destroyed and they have nowhere to go, so they continue to stay at the shelter.

"We were at Kagman High School at the time the typhoon hit us but we got transferred to the [Kagman Community Center] later," he said.

When asked if they have already received assistance, the two families have said they did get some form of assistance but the lack of a means to rebuild their destroyed homes would mean a longer stay at the shelters because of their children.

The Public School System and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs opened up their facilities to homeless families soon after the typhoon, with the numbers fluctuating from 400 to 500 individuals almost everyday.

Since then, PSS schools that were being used as shelters have been closed down in preparation for the start of classes and shelterees were moved to two facilities, the Office on Aging building and the Kagman Community Center.

Recently DCCA opened up a third shelter on Capital Hill at the Arts Council building.

According to shelter representatives, the Arts Council houses about 50 individuals, KCC has about 57, and the Aging Office has about 123, for a total of 230 individuals that remain in shelters.

DCCA shelter representatives said that they provide power at these locations.

Individuals that require special attention are also being housed at shelters. These are usually hospital patients, persons with disabilities, or dialysis patients. One staff from the Arts Council said they are currently housing several that require oxygen use and a dialysis patient.

However, DCCA only maintains the shelters 24/7 but doesn't provide meals.

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter used to provide the meals but it is also now serving the community in general.

DCCA representatives at the shelter also said that there isn't a scheduled date when they will leave or close the areas, but they are there to provide help when it is needed.

Calls made to DCCA Secretary Laura Ogumoro were not answered as of press time.

NAP

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tension to process registered applicants. The extension will end on Aug. 31.

Today, those who are already registered and have numbers D2301 to D3100 will be accommodated. Tomorrow, those who are holding D3101 to D3900 will be served.

As of Tuesday, NAP was able to issue benefits to 3,878 households. Under the Disaster Program, 2,787 households were given benefits while 1,091 were issued under the Supplemental Program.

Twenty-nine households have been denied due to excess income/resources for those who hold TCDs, savings bonds, cash on hand, savings and/or checking that are $2,000 and beyond for all households and $3,000 for households with at least one member aged 55 years or older.

NAP Coupons and Disaster Coupons issued beginning Aug. 20, 2015, will expire on Sept. 30, 2015.

VOAD

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to ensure the flow of donations are accounted for and to ensure that they reach the intended recipients. We will continue to monitor and provide reports to donors," Gov. Eloy S. Inos said.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco said the government "is working with members of the local and national VOAD, including local and federal government partners."

Blanco said the VOAD is modeled after similar organizations in the United States.

In the CNMI, the VOAD will include local and national non-governmental organizations such as the American Red Cross NMI Chapter, Empty Vessel Ministry, Karidat Foundation, Ayuda, United4Saipan, Salvation Army, and religious groups.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the CNMI government are also members of the VOAD.

According to Blanco, the first meeting on Monday formalized the group's creation and identified areas of unmet needs to address for the short-term and long-term recovery efforts.

Once formally established, the VOAD will be able to channel all cash and in-kind donations to a single receiving point and establish measures on various distribution points, he said.

This will ensure proper channeling of donated goods to recipients and the purchase of goods and services that may not be part of local and off-island donations such as to pay for hospice care, mental health counseling, and other administrative costs.

For cash donations, a bank account in the name of the VOAD will be set up, according to Blanco.

Donations still welcome

The CNMI government said that donations are still welcome as Saipan continues its post-typhoon recovery efforts.

"We continue to appeal to donors on and off-island that many in our community still face hardships. We welcome any charitable donation to any foundation of your choosing," said Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres.

On Wednesday, *Saipan Tribune* reported that TSL Complex's REM Center has been made available by Tan Holding Corp. as the warehouse to be used by the VOAD for various donations that will be coming in from off island.

Tan Holdings will let the VOAD use the REM Center for a month for free.

Organizations have started providing technical assistance and support for nonprofit donation management as well as working on volunteers to manage the site.

Docomo eyes connecting Rota, Tinian to proposed submarine cable

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Docomo Pacific is eyeing to lay down a submarine cable for Saipan, Rota, and Tinian and has met with members of the CNMI Legislature about the project.

In a meeting Wednesday, Docomo officials and some members of the House of Representatives discussed the project, which involves a new submarine cable for the CNMI.

House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said Docomo is not just eyeing a Saipan-to-Guam submarine cable but one that also connects Rota and Tinian.

But according to Docomo, the project can be costly, particularly the Rota and Tinian cable connection, Deleon Guerrero said.

"According to Docomo, the challenge for them is the Rota and Tinian connection. The cost of the project would go up by 60 percent," he said.

The lawmaker said legislators and CNMI government leaders "are now talking to see what we can do to lessen the costs, because we also need to have Rota and Tinian connected to that cable."

He said the government can perhaps offer tax incentives or tax breaks to Docomo.

"Maybe we can get some kind of a contract from the government, which is the biggest contractor in the CNMI," Deleon Guerrero said, adding that "we need more than one fiber optic cable."

Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan) said the government can also help Docomo by "fast tracking the permitting process" for the service provider.

"We cannot have that submarine cable outage again. Up to now, banking institutions are still recovering from that outage, and some businesses are still hurting," Guerrero said. The Senate earlier approved a resolution to assist Docomo with this project.

Senate Resolution 19-14 requests the assistance of the Office of the Governor in having the permit of Docomo Pacific "processed expeditiously so that Docomo Pacific can start its underground fiber optic network."

S.R. 19-14 cited the recent breakdown of a submarine cable between Saipan and Tinian that caused a massive communications outage.

Docomo Pacific earlier bared plans to "significantly upgrade its network" and one of the key components of the upgrade is placing a new undersea fiber cable between Guam and the Commonwealth.

Demapan urges post-disaster debriefing to identify 'failure areas'

Rep. Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) suggests that law enforcement agencies have a post-disaster meeting with other concerned agencies regarding relief and recovery operations.

"Homeland Security is always in charge. What I would suggest is that after things start to settle down, for law enforcement agencies to sit down and identify where the failure areas are," Demapan said.

He said this will "make it easier" for the community to prepare should another disaster hit the CNMI in the future.

The House vice speaker cited a reported scuffle in a gasoline station and other "chaotic" situations that needs to be addressed. He also mentioned the long queues and apparent confusion in the relief distribution centers in the past weeks.

The lawmaker said even information such as which precinct is most affected is not available to legislators.

"This is one of the major reasons why we need this post-disaster briefing. We do not have this information," he said.

Precinct 4

According to House floor leader George Camacho (R-Saipan), the precinct that probably suffered the most is Precinct 4.

Although exact figures are not available as of the moment, the lawmaker says one needs only to see the downed telephone and power poles and the significant number of houses with missing roofs.

"We also have shacks up there at the north side of the island which were all damaged," he said.

He added that there is no report submitted to the Legislature regarding damage households yet.

"The Federal Emergency Management Agency will have the figures probably after the assistance programs are completed," Camacho said. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMPASI's alternative phone line

The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc. does not have power yet and their only phone line that works is a fax line. The fax is not working as they have no power but they hooked a telephone to it. The public may call 235-7275 for NMPASI. ***(PR)***

OVR's temporary phone numbers

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation would like to inform the public that due to damage to its buildings by Typhoon Souldelor, its temporary contact numbers are as follows:

Counseling Office: 322-6548 or 287-6548

Administration Office: 287-6538 ***(PR)***

Kagman High School orientations

Kagman Elementary School's orientation dates are as follows:

- Freshmen - Sept. 3 at 1pm
- Sophomore- Sept. 3 at 3pm
- Juniors- Sept. 4 at 1pm
- Seniors - Sept. 4 at 3pm

GCA sets Open House, start of classes

Grace Christian Academy would like to inform the community that Open House will be on Friday, Sept. 11 at 6pm and the first day of school will be Monday, Sept. 14 (8am to 3pm). The administration would also like to invite the GCA community to come out this week any day Monday through Friday from 8am to 12pm to help with final cleanup around the campus. If possible, please bring machetes, chainsaws, rakes, and pickup trucks to help clear the debris. ***(GCA)***

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Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree plus 5 years of work experience in insurance business particularly in claims, underwriting, and reinsurance. Must also have knowledge, skills and ability to analyze and manipulate enterprise risk management. Must possess above average communication skills, a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel and the insurance software GENIISYS. Must be willing to take cross-functional assignments and adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's business operations.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, September 3, 2015.

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Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Area General Manager (AGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritize, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
  - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
  - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
  - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
  - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financials:
  - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
  - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
  - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- Operations:
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
  - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Skills
- Analytical: Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- Problem Solving: Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- Organization & Planning: Able to organize priorities and develop/execute plans achieving desired results.
- Coaching: Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- Team Building: Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant Restaurant General Manager (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant Restaurant General Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The ARGM assists the RGM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- Operations
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Manager (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM)
Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities
- People
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- Operations
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Delivery Driver (7)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher

Summary of Responsibilities
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

Essential Functions
- Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws.
- Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and courteousness.
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.
- Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Must provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours. Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

EMPLOYER'S RIGHTS: *This job description does not list all the duties of the job. You may be asked by your supervisors or managers to perform other duties. You will be evaluated in part based upon your performance of the tasks listed in this job description. The employer has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not a contract for employment, and either you or the employer may terminate employment at any time, for any reason.*

All interested applicants may get application at Pizza Hut Restaurant in Gualo Rai • Closing Date: August 28, 2015

Notice to Saipan residents seeking FEMA aid

Saipan residents who are applying for FEMA assistance are urged to have their respective precinct representative certify their "Declaration of Ownership and Occupancy" form in case FEMA inspectors are unable to verify ownership and occupancy of their damaged residence.

In order to provide a convenient location for Precinct 1 residents to have their "Declaration of Ownership and Occupancy" form signed, Precinct 1 House members are temporarily designating the Koblerville Youth Center as the site where residents can obtain and have signed the "Declaration of Ownership and Occupancy" form.

Precinct 1 residents are encouraged to visit the Koblerville Youth Center starting today, Aug. 27, to get their forms signed. The temporary office schedule will be every Monday to Saturday, 8:30am to 12pm, until such time that the Legislature's offices on Capital Hill are back in operation. Residents are also encouraged to bring with them their photo ID and any relevant documents that can assist with the certification process.

Stay tuned to local radio stations and newspapers for updates or contact the Koblerville Youth Center during the office hours at 288-0023 for any questions you may have. ***(Office of the House Speaker)***

BRIDGE CAPITAL DONATION CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bridge Capital, LLC donated $10,000 to the Salvation Army on Friday, Aug. 21, 2015. Seen in photo is Bridge Capital's COO Jody Jordahl and CFO Clay Crawford presenting the ceremonial check to Salvation Army pastor Wayne Gillespie.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bridge Capital employees volunteer at the Salvation Army's soup kitchen, serving a total of 1,750 meals to the community.

Guide to removing household hazardous waste

For residents rebuilding or cleaning up typhoon-damaged homes or buildings, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has provided instructions and guidance for the safe remove of household hazardous waste.

Be alert for leaking containers and household chemicals, such as caustic drain cleaners and chlorine bleach.

■ Don't combine chemicals to avoid dangerous or violent reactions.

■ Don't dump chemicals down storm sewers, drains, or toilets.

■ Don't burn household chemicals.

■ Keep children and pets away from leaking or spilled chemicals.

■ Mark and set aside unbroken containers until they can be properly disposed of. To prevent leakage, broken or damaged containers should be placed in a secondary container and marked and labeled for easy identification.

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, in conjunction with EPA, will be sponsoring Household Hazardous Waste collection centers in the weeks to come. Additional information will be publicized as these collection centers are readied. In the interim, if you have questions or concerns, call BECQ at (670) 664-8500. ***(FEMA)***

Rota mayor donates relief goods to Saipan

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Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig has once again contributed to relief efforts on Saipan, handing to Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang non-perishable items for distribution.

Atalig delivered the donations to Apatang's office last Friday.

Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider said that they will be seeking the help of organizations such as the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter or other groups willing to distribute the donations to the community.

"We're going to call up organizations like Red Cross or any organization that can work with us to make sure that all the families that need it the most so that it could be distributed and also if the organization have clear mission to give it out to the community," Hofschneider said.

Atalig said that during Typhoon Dolphin, the mayor of Saipan, along with the municipal councils and the Tinian and Northern Island mayors, teamed up to hold a Typhoon Dolphin Relief 4-Rota drive.

Apatang also personally gave monetary and food donations to Atalig after the Typhoon Dolphin relief drive.

"During our time of need, community members on Saipan came and helped us. Now, it is our turn to help the community of Saipan in their time of need," Atalig said.

"The donations we received plainly showed that we have each other's back. The donations will certainly help out residents of Saipan who need some assistance," Apatang said.

Apatang and Atalig also thanked the Saipan Young Professionals, Napalese community, G4S, Java Joe's, Kano Resort, City Trust Bank, Bridge Capital, Chong Int. Corp., Coca-Cola Co., Green Air Conditioning, and Docomo Pacific for their generosity and show of care to the people of Rota and Saipan.

Concrete utility poles installed on Saipan

Concrete poles are being installed around Saipan, in a joint mutual aid effort between the Guam Power Authority and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. These poles will assist in power restoration for the island and will be more resilient and disaster resistant.

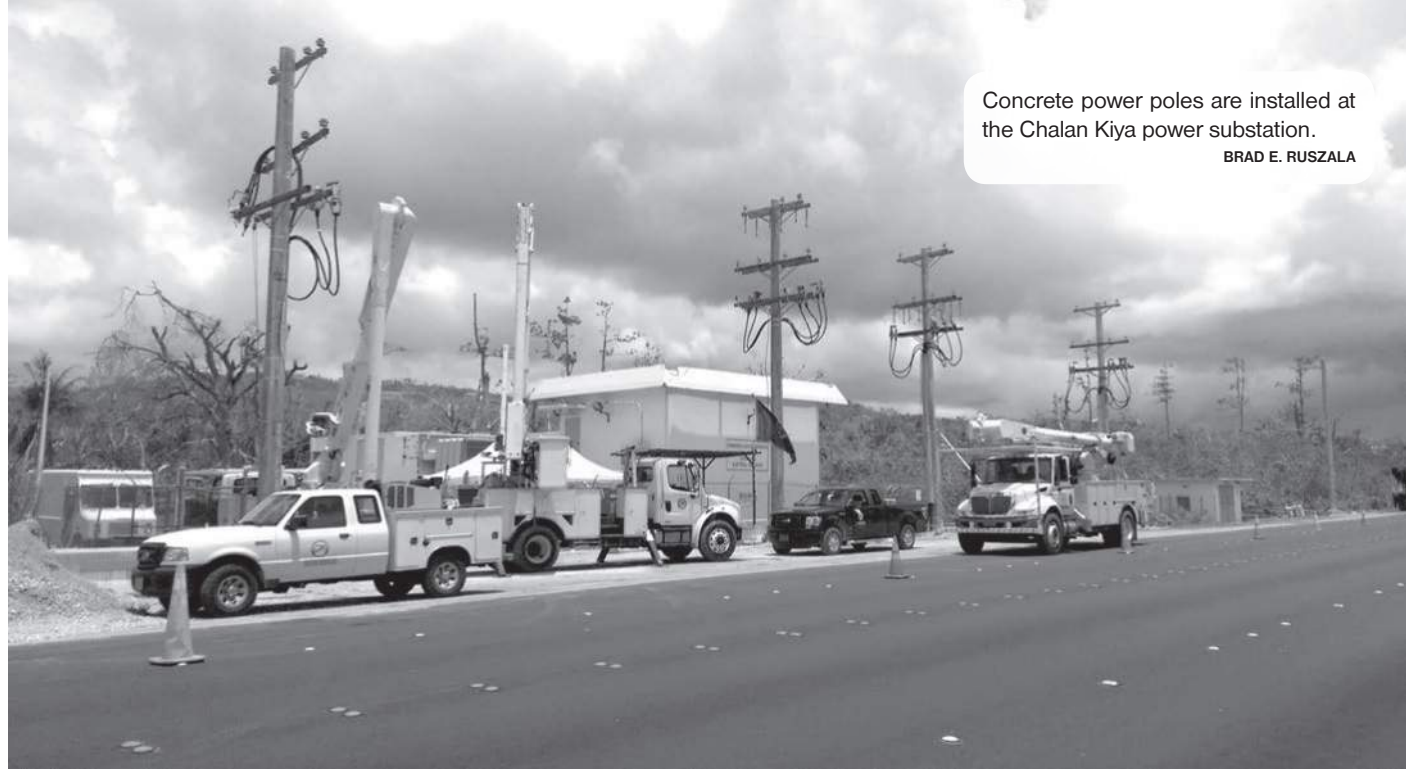
The 90 concrete poles arrived on Saturday Aug. 22, and through today, most were installed throughout the island, including along the feeder to the airport. An additional 110 concrete poles are scheduled to be delivered within the next few days, which will continue to support the overall power authority restoration capabilities.

GPA has provided the poles to CUC and both are working together to install them on Saipan as part of a mutual aid program. FEMA is assisting in the transport of these poles, which falls under Category F of FEMA's Public Assistance program. This includes the permanent restoration and repair of utilities for water treatment and delivery systems; power generation facilities and distribution facilities; sewage collection and treatment facilities; and communications.

"Saipan is well under way to recovery," said FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. "The installation of these concrete poles as well as additional treated wood utility poles is a clear sign of recovery and the ongoing partnership of the whole community."

This is a great mitigation effort here on the island provided through mutual aid between the GPA and Saipan CUC, and the FEMA Public Assistance Program.

FEMA also mission assigned power experts from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 249th Prime Power Battalion Delta team to assist CNMI in installing the hardwire and electrical wiring on the utility poles.



Concrete power poles are installed at the Chalan Kiya power substation.
BRAD E. RUSZALA

Through the PA Program, FEMA provides supplemental federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain private non-profit organizations. The PA Program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process. ***(FEMA)***

SAVING SAIPAN:

Lauren Benson captures hope

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Editor's note: Saipan Tribune's *latest series will feature everyday heroes who are taking part in recovery efforts and assisting those in need after Typhoon Soudelor devastated Saipan.*

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Local photographer Lauren Benson.

Lauren Benson has contributed to Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts both behind and in front of her camera lens.

The 23-year-old lifestyle and wedding photographer created Humans of Saipan on Facebook, posting photos of individuals who endured the wrath of the typhoon in an effort to share the myriad of stories of survival and hope.

"I thought if I could visit the shelters and hear people's stories, I could post them online with a photo so that people outside of Saipan could get a personal connection with those in need…"

Benson hopes that connection will engender people viewing the photos to donate to a GoFundMe page started by a friend: http://www.gofundme.com/8zf7zp6p8.

Benson and her husband, Matthew, have visited different shelters, giving what they can and talking to people who lost their homes since the typhoon made landfall.

"Not only did this help those in the shelters and spread awareness, but it helped my husband and I connect with those who were effected by Soudelor in similar ways as ourselves."

With a camera in one hand and a bottle of water in the other, Benson volunteers for the grassroots volunteer organization United 4 Saipan as well.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
One of Lauren Benson's first posts on Human of Saipan is of a mother holding her baby at a shelter on island.

"Saipan is a huge community, and better than that, we're all family. Families look after each other and help one another when they are in need," she said. "I've met people who have literally lost everything giving what they had to someone else. Saipan is an inspiration to the rest of the world, and that's why it's important for residents to help one another as much as they can."

Benson fell victim to Typhoon Soudelor as well, returning home from a trip to discover the roof of her home torn apart and everything inside destroyed.

"Sadness and anger filled me, not completely understanding how this tragedy could happen to such an amazing place," she explained.

It wasn't until she arrived home, she said, that she became thankful.

"Everywhere I turned, people were helping one another. Friends and family called right us away, asking if we needed help," she added. "Those who helped inspired me to help others people who had it worse off than we did."

Suspects in $4.3M 'ice' case indicted in federal court

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The two overstaying Chinese tourists who were arrested in connection with the seizure of over 10,700 grams of methamphetamine or "ice" worth about $3.2 million to $4.3 million have been indicted in federal court.

The indictment, filed on Monday, charged 36-year-old Yuliu Liu and 24-year-old Zhenlin Fang with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine.

A separate indictment, also filed Monday, charged Liu with possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Both indictments contain a criminal forfeiture allegation.

Last Aug. 14, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered the continued detention of the defendants pending trial, saying the evidence shows they cannot be counted on to attend legal proceedings.

The judge said that, in October 2014, Immigration officials discovered that Liu had overstayed a tourist visa, was not lawfully present in the CNMI, and subject to immediate removal.

Manglona said Immigration officials ordered Liu to return the next day, but he failed to appear and no contact with Immigration was made until his arrest in July 2015.

Manglona said Liu had about $800 on him when he was arrested, and about 130 grams of "ice" were discovered at this residence, suggesting he may have access to hidden assets that he could use to escape.

Also, Liu has no family ties to the community, she said.

Manglona said the same holds true for Fang. She said Fang, who entered the CNMI in 2013 on a tourist visa that has long since expired, is not lawfully present in the CNMI.

Despite having no legal status to work, the judge said, Fang lived in a two-story house and drove a Lexus. Wen arrested, Fang had $1,500 in hand and contraband item was found at his home, Manglona said.

She said Fang argues that he earned the money legitimately, but his lavish lifestyle and the money found on his person suggest otherwise.

The judge said Fang has no ties to the community, and may have hidden assets he could use to escape.

A Customs inspector detected the "ice" inside an air compressor in a container from Guangzhou, China, at the seaport warehouse on Saipan last July 17. That led federal and local law enforcers to make a follow-up investigation that ended with the arrest of Liu and Fang last July 22.

MVA and partners clear the Sugar King Park

One of Saipan's most historic landmarks, Sugar King Park, is accessible to the public again following Friday's cleanup by the Marianas Visitors Authority, Japan Saipan Travel Association, and the Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Sugar King himself, represented by a statue of Japanese-era sugar industry entrepreneur Haruji Matsue, appeared unscathed overlooking the park, but volunteers spent several hours cutting and piling fallen trees, broken branches, and other debris for removal to make the park accessible.

The wooden structure of the Saipan Katori Shrine at the park was significantly damaged and will need to be restored, as well as railings and other features.

"Many hands make light work, and our collaborative effort on Friday with JSTA and the Japanese Society made a lot of improvement at the park," said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. "Our industry partners are working with us diligently to help restore our popular visitor sites and help ensure our visitors enjoy their time here."

The pathways throughout the park are now largely accessible, although the nature trail through the nearby hillside still needs to be cleared. ***(MVA)***

MVA
Fallen trees and other debris was cleared from the Katori shrine at Saipan's historic Sugar King Park on Aug. 21, 2015. From left are Hiroko Tenorio, Eri Nagashima, Kazuyo Estrada, and Katsuko Takahashiof the Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands.

MVA
In aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor, fallen trees and mangled rails were cleared at Saipan's historic Sugar King Park on Aug. 21, 2015. From left are Ryan Calvo, Ray Villagomez, David Song, and Martin Duenas of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

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Could you have been the American hero on a French train?

American tourists and friends Alek Skarlatos, Spencer Stone and Anthony Sadler didn't wake up one morning last week with thoughts of becoming heroes.

Heroism stems from circumstances, when average people arise to perform uncommon actions in the midst of adversity. These Americans' circumstances? They were aboard a high-speed train Friday from Amsterdam to Paris, along with Ayoub El-Khazzani, a 26-year-old Moroccan wielding an AK-47, a pistol and a blade.

The men had decisions of a lifetime to make. Do they cower in fear and face certain death, or do they resist at the risk of being killed in the aisles?

In an instant, they, along with British businessman Chris Norman, rushed and tackled the gunman, ending an attack that could have turned into a massacre. And, over the weekend, they received the Legion d'Honneur from France's president Francois Hollande at the Elysee Palace, congratulations from President Barack Obama and the smiling approval from millions worldwide.

Could we have been as brave or as selfless as these men, or those passengers aboard United Airlines Flight 93, who sacrificed their lives to thwart a bigger 9/11 terrorist plot? It is difficult to say, but this much is certain: Vigilance matters, and seconds count.

Sadly, such life-threatening moments have occurred in movie theaters, malls schools, hotels, office buildings, military bases and even outside police headquarters. No place where people congregate is 100 percent safe.

Still, every attack on innocent people is a rebuke of the canons of civil society. The train attack leaves us wondering whether security at train stations should have been tighter, whether global intelligence agencies missed signs of a possible terrorist attack. El-Khazzani, who had had been identified as a radical Islamist, reportedly traveled recently to Syria to acquire weapons, yet managed to board a heavily traveled train with enough weaponry and ammunition to kill hundreds. And he may have had it not been for the quick actions of a National Guardsman, an Air Force serviceman and a college student, all sharing a vacation in Europe.

Now the trio is globally celebrated, though Sadler says they were only responding to a crisis. "The gunman would have been successful if my friend Spencer had not gotten up," he said. "I want that lesson to be learned. In times of terror like that ... please do something. Don't just stand by and watch."

Society needs more true heroes, people like Skalatos, Sadler and Stone, who displayed deeply rooted character and selflessness. This time, the good guys won, and the world owes a debt to their courage.

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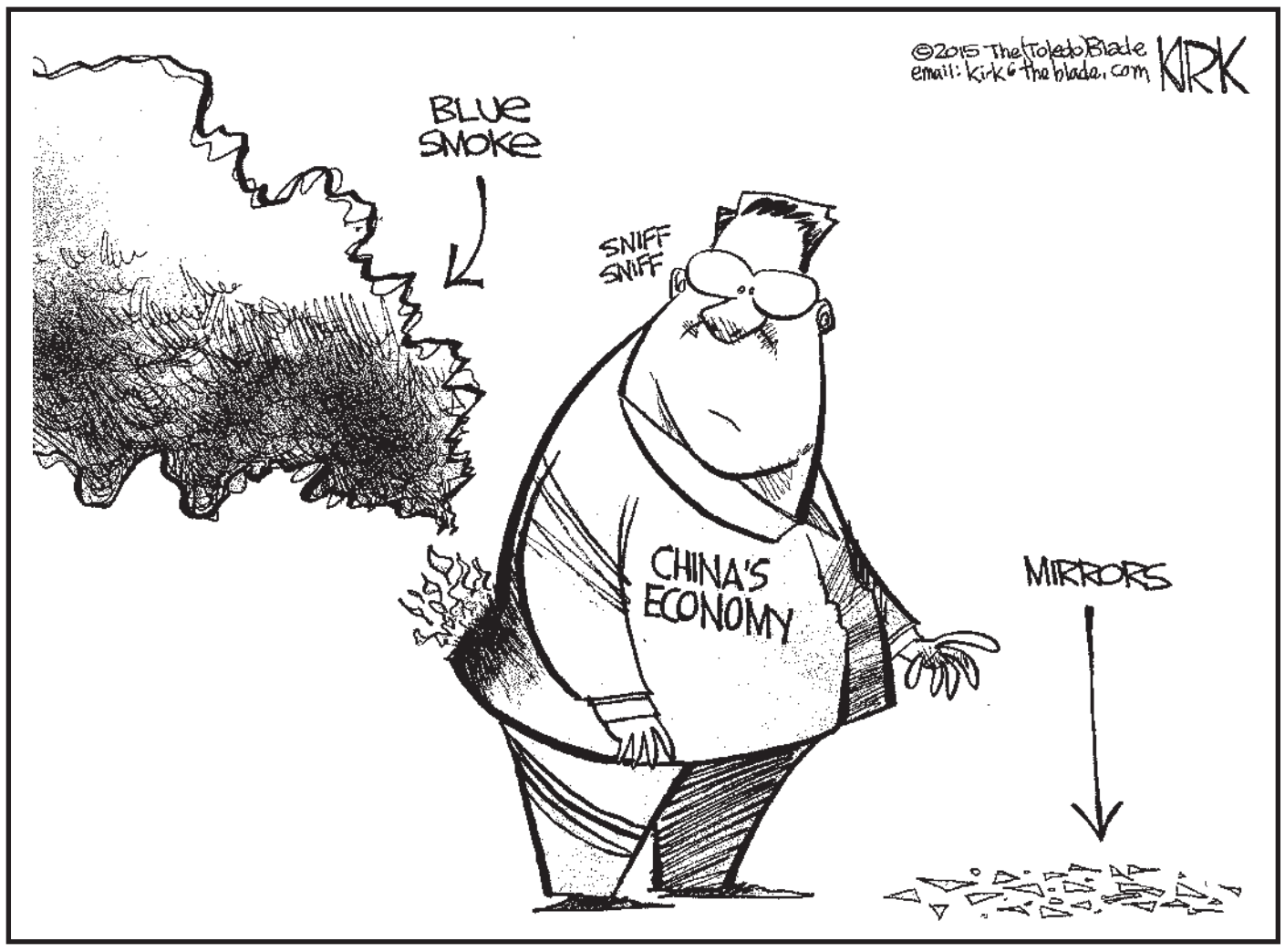

Inanalisan Tutuhon Natibu

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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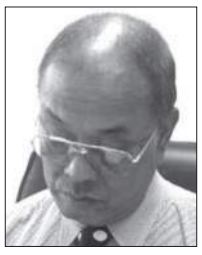

Guaha un` grupu giya Guahan ha petsisige haf` tinituhon natibu yan haf` masusede yan Español kiñientos años antes. I puntu pot planun Español, manera `nai ha implementa planuña, yan kau guaha respetu gi dignun natibu.

Mauleg yan sustansiau na pinetsige primera besis pot para manalisan finapos natibu antes. Kabales magahet na gai sistema gobietnu i natibu. Ya pot hafa na para u dimu gi ininsisten Español mana` fañgatoliku yan tinilaika siha gi haf` hagas aregloña.

Siempre ha totne chispas maches `nai ma-ebalua modun Español gi destrosiun linala` natibu gi antigu na tiempu. Taimanu mohon para ta dispacha este yan otru siha aminasu kontra Chamorro?

Kasi mauleg gi hilu` hinimidde ta atan yan komprende haf` manmabidata desde antes, haf` esta pa`gu sige ha` manmachogue, kampon sensian inasi`i` ni malabidan niha, kinirihe adumididi` gi haf` propiu na che`chu` tautau pot para ta mueba chumule` tatte dignun natibu.

Gai minakat ma-esgaihon este na galaide` pot mantautau i pasaheru siha `nai kada unu libianu fumofofu pot impitu. Tatatiye inapagat mañaina-ta gi manasetben hinimidde yan pinasensia.

■■■

Manñahlalañg: I rasan tautau siha ni inayeg Yuus Tata para umana` famta` gi enteru i tanu` masoda` kontodu manbachigu` ginen iya Asia.

Sige maguadog ginen manu mage i rasan Chamorro. Guaha umatotga na ginen España pot relasion yan Magayanes. Lau i Español a`paka`, bonito yan tunas gapot iluña. I Chamorro mampos mesklau. Ilegña i unu, "Pega papa` bastatdu!" A`saina!

■■■

Mafaisen i ginen segundu presidenten iya Filipinas as Erap Estrada para u pula` haf` kumeke ilegña "bacteria". Ensegidas ha oppe, "Guiya `nau i santatte na pottan cafeteria". Manimbeste i Chamorro na "baterian" kareta. Kasi chathuñgog. Dios mihu!

■■■

Un` oga`an gi traffic light ha totpe-yu` un` palao`an. Hu rikonose. Era nina`ye ni chetnotña mañague` ya ha sotta sinigoña. Hu pada fasuña para bai` pañgon. Dispues hu sañgane na tai bisnis-gue` gi tatten mañgu gi taiguihe na kondision. Buente pot nesessidat na ha atotga mañugun.

■■■

Sige mona, ha señasyu` un` tautau (era amiguhu) para u ketuñgu` chalan hospitat. Hu tamtam haf` pinadesisiña dispues hu sañgane na u tatiye-yu`. Gi halom hospitat `nai husoda` na nina`ye i prohimu chetnot hamalefa (dementia).

■■■

Este na chetnot piot gi man-amku` libianu mahassu kuarenta años antes. Lau ti siña marikohe haf` masusede nigap na ha`ane. Estague` este i chetnot hamalefa. Pulan i mañainan miyu pot no u fan huyuñg manlauya gi bisinu sin presisu.

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I paluman payaya` sessu gumupu antes yan dispues de fina mañglu`. Anaku` yan anchu papaña ni ha estira ya ma`udai gi mañglu`. Haf` signifikasion palabra "pumayaya`?"

Na ti kumeke ilegña na gumugupu` hau esta pa`gu ya tatnai tumunog pot para un` gacha` i edda? Fan atan ya an` mapgao i inetnon siña gumupu hau namaisa sin un` mabatañga ni pumalu.

■■■

I tanu` redondu. Todu humuyuñg siempre u birague` tatte. Yangin mama` mañagun manog hau kontra i prohimumu piot ya un` hasñgune che`chu` tailaye siempre u na`lu tatte mismu disposision. Lau pa`gu na biahe mas ke dopble na sapet para hagu. Fana`an gi finu` Eñglis guiya este i "one pay de odda".

■■■

I katdun to`lañg gi halom kalahe esta desabridu. Ni achog ta sohgue i espuma ti u tinilaika sabotña. Lastima i pigu` gi fondu. Debi ta tulaika `sino hana fan imbeninau hit todu. Fuera pot neñkano, haf` sustansiaña i pinedoñg palabra?

■■■

Manadan man-malañgu gi hospitat dispues de pagyu. Tat infetmera yan mediku ti kalalamten sinparat 18 oras gi ha`ane. Namagof na attension gi halom mattiru ni inafuetsas iran pagyu.

■■■

Estaba i FEMA giya Guam `nos kuantos dias antes de uttimu na pagyu ni sumablasus i tanu`. Guine, manmattu dos dias dispues. Hafa esta ha signifiifika? Na ti asuntun listu na kabayeru ni mafanana`an leadership? Prefektu golai faka`!

■■■

Makat na hinanau mayamag fanliheñg familia. Un` usune sumaga gi sagan fanatukan kau kabales nesessidat tat kumu hanom. Kada un` rikonose i gima` ayu ha` gaige i sitiu. Ayudu siempre u fattu lau hombre este tinaka` tiempu. Pasensiaye pot nesessidat familia.

■■■

Guaha siha manginacha` induktu pot diskuidu. Era machansa mañaga giya siha estake pinapa I atuf yan lugan gima` niha. Mansuette sa` ni unu dimalas. Metgot na pagyu gi todu lini`e`hu guine na ira deste antes.

■■■

Pa`gu ha` `nai huli`e` finigu` troñkun gagu dispues chinalapon

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A tale of two crabs

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When walking through the knolls of NMC in As Terlaje, after workers were done cutting the grass, before the three horsemen of the apocalypse Soudelor, Goni and Atsani unloaded their tears, it was not unusual to run into land crabs, feisty with their extended and oversized claws and ready to hook a foe's eyes or bite one's heels swiftly. I lured a couple into a compartment in my backpack.

"Crab mentality" is a frequent term to describe Filipinos at home and in diaspora to explain why they allegedly do not advance as an ethnic group, unlike the Jews in Mesopotamia and Europe, and the Wenzhou entrepreneurs of Zhejiang known for pooling resources together. It is because they are said to pull each other down when someone tries to ascend to the top, out of envy or to equalize status. The mythology is so ingrained that the trait has become self-fulfilling!

We were curious if crabs really exhibited such behavior.

I had the two on a plastic water bucket but the space was too limited as they engaged in endless combat. I placed them on a wide laundry basin, cut grass from the lawn to serve as a canopy for each to separately sleep under, sprinkled chips of coconut meat for sustenance, and threw in a lump of cooked Vienna sausage for good measure, in case the clawed creatures were carnivorous. We thought they would be happy in confined quarters receiving the compassionate ministration from their captor. Not so.

Though called hermit crabs, they were not the passive contemplative kind. They were popular with the kids on the floor as we kept the basin under the clothes dryer on the walkway. The kids were smart enough not to put their fingers where the claws could grab them.

The two crabs were not of the same size. The larger one that was caught later than the slimmer of the duo had the markings of a bully (humanly speaking) as the two established their imaginary bounds. The "dance" around the basin did not last long. Soon they were working together to see who-can-lift-who high enough to reach the rim. They took turns so the selfish "crab mentality" of one pulling down another did not apply in their case.

They lasted three changes of fresh grass, coconut meat, and Vienna sausage. It was the smaller one that got out first. Slightly over half a foot high, the crabs really stretched their claws to reach the rim of the basin. A neighbor said that he saw a black creature scurrying out of the third floor hall one night and assumed it was one of the crabs that got away.

Two days later, after I already decided to set the last one free, it managed to do it on its own. It had enough sense to gather the four seashells I added into the menagerie in the basin-scape as "stepping stone" to freedom. Smart crab!

So, the next time I run into a land crab on land or in one of our forested areas, we will just leave it alone, knowing that they do decide like humans, not always fitting the stereotype of "crab mentality" but showing like humans capability of compassion and solidarity after Mother Nature's storms.

There are no moral lessons here in case the reader is waiting for one. We note that the image of "crab mentality," ingrained in popular metaphor, is more a mental image than a reality. How many of our images are sustained on paper or verbal account but wilt under actual wind, sun, clouds, and rain? Whatever. Whichever. But I do love crabs. Will someone pass the cracker and the sauce, please!

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kulan papet gi otru lugat. Megai troñkun telefon nina` fan alabadu esta pa`gu. Manadan `an gupun sin gi señgsoñg katkuet lugat.

■■■

Namatman i appenas preparasion pot iran pagyu kulan mohon ti sessu hit gi sakan manfina`um mattiempu. Lau mampos mañgontentu i mansabiun i hegsu` I Deni. Estague` `nai anog i apattau na siñiente kontra i mangaige siha gi señgsoñg.

■■■

Gi halom laundrymat, guaha siña mañaleg pot siniseden pagyu. Ilegña i unu, "Pa`gu `nai kori` i 'Guandoñg mile?'" pot materiat guma`. Fuera ha` ayu na patte `nai ilegña si pindehu, "Ai na boniton gimah"—guma`.

■■■

Ilegña lokue` un` prohima na mapega i tento` yan kaman familia gi tatten sitiu. Machogue este pot mampos katma i guinaifen mañglu kasi pot hinala ni otru matklima ni pa`gu umu`upos hit. A`saina!

■■■

Dumaña i maipen pueñge sa` katma yan hiniyuñg miyon na ñamu. Duru ham mañaleg `nai mamaisen i lahihu, "Isar señko?"—kumeke ilegña kau taya` señko`.

■■■

Pot dos na ira, makansela fuetsau siete mit na bisita. Dispues dumespasiu i kinalamten bisnis. Ti sen mauleg gi maseñala na rinikohen aduana para pa`gu na sakan. Puede nahoñg gi kaha para i mas manpresisu siha na setbisiu tat kumu hinemlu`, edukasion yan proteksion publiku. Gai minakat este na biahe!

■■■

Kada biradan ginen plasan batkon aire i bus turis guaha `nai ha kokone` tres bisita. I uttimu biahe huli`e` dos na pasaheru. Era i kandakta (conductor), i otru i draiba. Pa`gu `nai magpu` nobenan taloa`ne. A`saina!

■■■

Mañgacha` niyog i lahihu para u fañoñge punot para sugun ñamu. `Nai kulan mamakat mañila, hu tagu gunot gi tagpapa` na troñku kosake libianu kimason i pinot. Mañila! Finanague gi manhoben mangai bali na sombra petmanente!

Here's how Biden-Warren sort of makes sense

By ALBERT R. HUNT
BLOOMBERG VIEW

If Joe Biden was trying to unsettle Hillary Clinton by meeting with Elizabeth Warren over the weekend, here's a way to really rattle her: pick the Massachusetts senator as his presidential running mate and announce it now.

Vice President Biden may or may not be serious about challenging Clinton, but one thing is certain: He can't beat her unless something dramatic and unexpected happens.

That's what a Warren selection would be.

There is precedent. In 1976, Ronald Reagan, the champion of Republican conservatives, picked Richard Schweiker, the liberal Pennsylvania senator, to be his running mate about a month before the party's convention. It almost worked.

The concept makes sense despite the tradition of waiting until the convention. It's more transparent for voters as well as party leaders, and it might forestall a panicky last-minute selection of a problematic pick like Sarah Palin.

Leave aside for now whether it's a good governing move. The politics would give a boost to the vice president's steep uphill climb if he decides to run.

Under normal circumstances, Biden would have a tough time raising campaign funds against the vast Clinton money machine. Warren's serious fundraising apparatus would help, though it wouldn't level the playing field.

Warren would also help Biden parry complaints by Democratic women who'd consider his candidacy a threat to undermine the best chance ever to elect a female President. And it would give him a way to soothe Democratic leftists who'd otherwise be irked by his challenge to their candidate, the Vermont socialist Bernie Sanders. Warren is the only elected official who rivals, or exceeds, Sanders's popularity in those circles.

A Biden-Warren ticket would churn stomachs in the Clinton ranks, where there's already plenty of heartburn over the candidate's handling of her private email accounts while she was secretary of state.

Clinton still would be a solid favorite to win the nomination and a Biden-Warren ticket would have challenges of its own. Biden, who twice before has run for his party's nomination, can be a loose cannon, and Warren is untested in national politics. She has accused President Barack Obama's administration of coddling Wall Street and would have to figure out how to credibly absolve the vice president of the charge, which she also has leveled at Clinton.

When Reagan picked Schweiker in 1976, it temporarily halted President Gerald Ford's momentum toward securing the nomination. Ford prevailed, but only after narrowly defeating a Republican Party rule proposal that would have required him to announce his running mate too.

If Reagan instead had won the rules skirmish, forcing Ford to name his controversial choice, Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, before wrapping up the majority of delegates, more than a few experts thought it would have swung the nomination to the California conservative.

In 1988, after Dole won the Iowa caucuses, some of his advisers urged him to announce the selection of former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander to be his running mate. They reasoned that doing so would give Dole a way to dominate the political dialogue leading up to the New Hampshire primary, blunting expected attacks from Vice President George H.W. Bush. Dole declined. Bush mounted a successful offensive, then won the New Hampshire primary, the Republican nomination and eventually the Presidency.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A litany of thanks and some words of advice

Several weeks have passed since Typhoon Soudelor brought destruction and our recovery has moved along, thanks to the assistance of many different groups.

I would like to thank the Marines, Navy, and Army for moving essential equipment and personnel by air and sea so quickly after the storm as well as for the removal of debris at our schools and essential potable water delivery for the period when we did not have enough drinking water. Special thanks goes to Rear Adm. Bolivar for her support of the mission.

FEMA has provided generous financial terms for the recovery, with the full support of President Obama and our Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan.

Private organizations like the American Red Cross, Karidat, Salvation Army, Lion's Club and others have contributed and will continue to contribute to the recovery.

My thanks goes to local businesses that cooperated to clean up in the time after the storm, provided needed supplies, maintained store hours for as long as they could, and for sharing resources to make it through the toughest times.

There are businesses that do not think it is their business to clean up the area around them, including public easement. There are businesses leasing public land who have not yet inspected their property along the main roads but it is obvious that they will not clean up the debris fronting their public land lease and are waiting for the government to do the cleanup. The Department of Public Lands should urge them to be good neighbors by spending the money to help clean up the area around them. It is a small gesture but would be appreciated by everybody.

There are still many people who are in need of help and may also be in need of help to bring attention to their situation. So if you know someone that still needs help, please help them by bringing these recovery agencies to their attention. If you don't need help, please don't apply. If you need help, please find every means to get the help, including friends and neighbors.

Our recovery would be much slower if not for the help of other federal agencies including EPA, Coast Guard and others, most especially the CUC line crews and waterworks, the Guam Power Authority crews, the CPA staff who kept the ports open for important goods, the hospital staff and many others equally deserving of mention but work silently and without notice. My thanks goes to the Inos administration, the Governor and Lt. Governor, the Office of the Mayor, and their hardworking ground crews.

Juan S. (Santiago) Tenorio
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NAP assistance should be based on family size

I want to clarify my understanding of the information I gathered from various sources regarding the food stamp grant. I understand that there should be basis for food stamp award because of the calamity that befell us, which should be based on the family size and not what the family gets month in and month out award.

All of us experience hardship—either our food supply is made stale because they are wet, or is out of the refrigeration system which is the usual preservative of food.

I thought the typhoon was an equalizer—we are all the same, we lost many things that belonged to us but the pressing need is food and water. All of us without exemption are in dire need of food and water.

Mr. Kilili, can we say we are all hungry and thirsty and the consumption is based on the number of people in the family?

Will the Department of Agriculture, particularly the Food Stamp Program, have any problem in disbursing the $3.5 million to all Saipan residents to help them eat three times a day?

We were hit by the typhoon without considering the race or status in life as with money or without. Couldn't we give the food supply based on the number of the family rather than based on the race and the amount of food stamp each family need to receive?

Saipan politicians and bureaucrats, have a big mind and a big heart. These are hard times for all of us. I do not have figures in my head and in my hand but if we have the next month to suffer, we probably will have a million left from the money set aside for the food stamp assistance.

Fe Y. Calixterio
As Terlaje, Saipan

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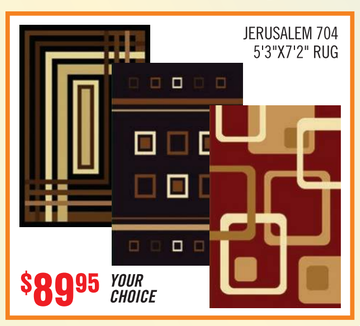

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Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. West winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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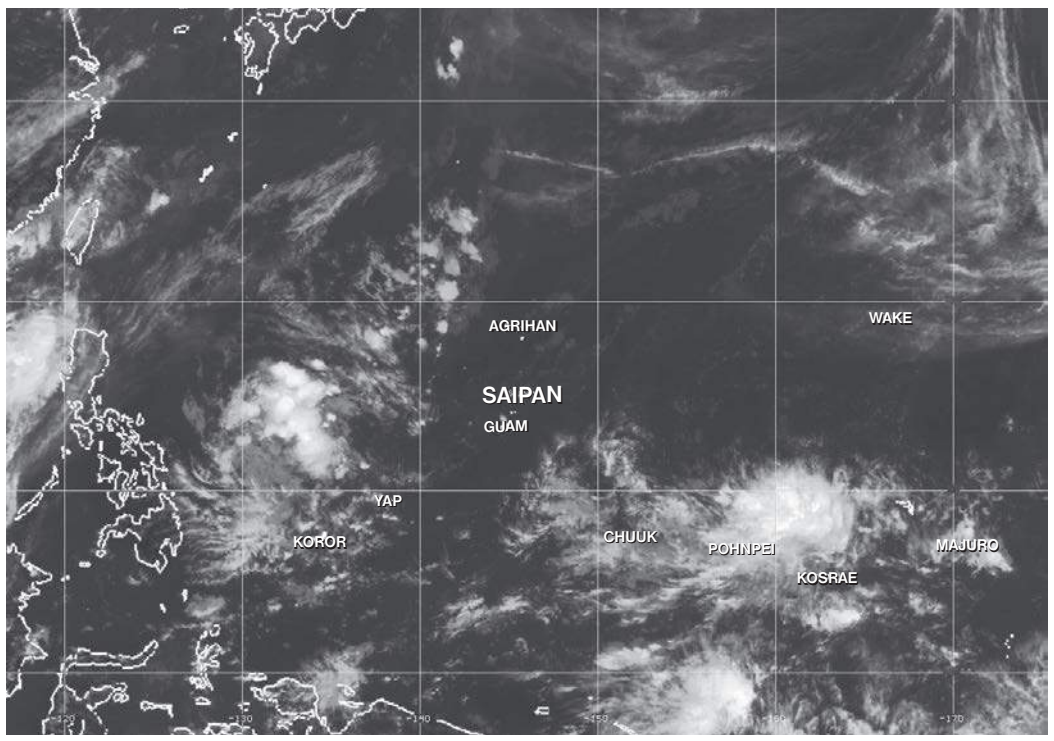

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of the Marianas between 19N and 24N from 139E to 144E. A surface trough meanders northeastward from south of Koror near 1N135E to near Guam at 13N146E then turns eastward through a weak circulation north of Kwajalein near 12N168E to beyond 180 at 13N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are west of Koror through northwest of Yap within 210 miles of a line from 8N130E to 15N135E. Similar conditions are also present across Chuuk and Pohnpei states to north of Kosrae and across Majuro within 170 miles of a line from 11N149E to 6N157E to 9N166E to 7N173E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼47
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼66
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼80
Honolulu	Showers	▲88	▼78
London	Cloudy	▲65	▼51
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼70
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼75
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲61	▼48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼77
New York	Sunny	▲85	▼67
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼75
Paris	Rain	▲63	▼59
Pusan	Sunny	▲85	▼69
Rome	Sunny	▲89	▼69
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼54
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼60
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Saipan Harbor

12:06 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
5:25 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:40 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
7:32 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:32 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:31 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:31 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:15 PM	3:08 AM
Friday	5:09 PM	4:08 AM
Saturday	6:02 PM	5:09 AM
Sunday	6:53 PM	6:11 AM
Monday	7:44 PM	7:12 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
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2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Business

China struggles to sustain economy

BEIJING (AP)—China's slump is shaking the world economy, turning a country long seen as a growth engine into a possible threat.

The slowdown started as a side effect of the Communist Party's plan to steer the world's second-largest economy to a "new normal" of lower, steadier growth. It has turned into a nose dive the party is struggling to reverse.

The party's plans call for keeping economic growth close to 7 percent this year while China shifts from reliance on trade and investment to more self-sustaining growth based on domestic consumption.

Exports were supposed to grow by 6 percent this year, but instead they are shrinking. Factories are shedding millions of jobs, threatening to inflame political tensions. New industries including e-commerce are growing but still are too small to offset job losses in traditional businesses.

"There are pockets of extreme weakness in China's economy but also areas of strength," said Mark Williams, chief Asia economist for Capital Economics in London. "The services sector seems to be doing well, but industry is really struggling."

THE NEW NORMAL

The Communist Party succeeded at cooling a debt-fueled construction and real estate boom. But creating a consumer economy is taking longer as households facing an uncertain job market tighten their belts. Steel, coal mining and heavy industry are cutting workforces while retail spending and new industries are growing but still are small. The government reported economic growth held steady at 7 percent in the latest quarter, though private sector analysts say the real figure might be 5 percent or lower. Whatever it is, growth is due to fall further. Communist leaders say they can tolerate lower headline growth so long as the economy generates enough jobs.

MANUFACTURING AND EXPORTS

Sales by China's powerhouse exporters, who employ tens of millions of people, shrank by an unexpectedly sharp 8.3 percent in July from a year earlier. It looks increasingly unlikely China can meet its 2015 growth target of 6 percent. The ruling party wants to avoid dumping laid-off factory workers into the job market. The number of factory jobs in the southern province of Guangdong, heartland of China's export industry, fell by nearly 5 million from a year earlier to 13.3 million in first quarter of 2015. The China Labor Bulletin, a research group in Hong Kong, says there have been 211 strikes this year in Guangdong, mostly over back wages owed to laid-off workers.

Take a deep breath: Experts advise calm in this crazy market

NEW YORK (AP)—Don't do anything rash.

Amid the scary slide on Wall Street, that's the advice from the professionals to 401(k) holders and other ordinary investors.

At times when the stock market's movements are almost nauseating, they say the best course of action is: Sit tight. Even the most capable financial professionals, managing billions of dollars in assets, say they don't know where this market is heading - and are staying put themselves.

"If you lived through the 2008, early-2009 debacle, which was horrible, you know that it can recover in a relatively short period of time," said John Power, a financial planner at Power Plans in Walpole, Massachusetts.

The Dow Jones average fell 588 points Monday and shed over 200 more on Tuesday, after being up for most of the day.

Financial advisers emphasize that volatility is something investors need to get used to again. After a seven-year bull market, they have become complacent.

The stock market as of Monday entered into what's known as a correction, or a drop of at least 10 percent from a recent high. But stock market corrections historically come every 18 months or so, and the last one in the U.S. was in 2011. So we were due for one.

It may be tempting to make drastic changes to your 401(k). But retirement investment plans are designed to build a return over several years, if not decades. So even in the aftermath of the worst weekly slump since 2011, dumping stocks now or pulling back on contributions to your plan is likely to hurt your prospects for higher retirement income in the long run, financial advisers say.

In fact, for everyone but those who are planning to retire in the next two or three years, the market decline could be a good opportunity to boost 401(k) contributions and get more for your money.

"Avoid making knee-jerk emotional reactions," said David Shotwell, a certified financial planner at Rutter Baer in Lansing, Michigan. "That volatility that we face now is the price we pay to have better returns over time. And the ones that lose are the ones that get out at the wrong time, when things are low."

BRINGING HUMANITY BACK

Delta flight attendant tech brings personalization to the skies

SAIPAN—Flight attendants will be empowered with an innovative new tool on their handheld phablet devices today in an effort to bring a deeper level of personalization and improve the travel experience for the airline's 170 million global customers.

The Guest Service Tool is the newest enhancement in a long line of technology innovations, providing Delta's more than 22,000 flight attendants key information so they can better engage with customers while in flight. A video of the Guest Service Tool in action is available at the following URL:http://news.delta.com/flight-attendant-tech-personalizes-skies

"Our flight attendants, as with all Delta employees, are committed to making the flying experience better for our customers while endeavoring to bring more humanity to the skies," said Allison Ausband, Delta's senior vice president of in-flight service. "Having technology at their fingertips to identify and greet customers by name, highlight customers' Medallion status, address disruptions in their travel in real-time as well as a host of other opportunities means the world's finest flight attendants can provide an even more exceptional customer experience."

With the Guest Service Tool, flight attendants will have a better sense of the customers traveling on board, be able to recognize high-value customers and better serve those on board who may need extra assistance or attention. As the tool evolves, they'll also be able to proactively provide customers with the status of down-line flights and connecting gate information.

"We'll continue to enhance the device and Guest Service Tool to take advantage of customer-provided data to further personalize the on board experience," said Ausband. "Eventually, flight attendants will be able to deliver food and beverage options that meet customer preferences and better identify those customers who may have had a previous disruption in their travel, all in an effort to deepen engagement with those who fly with us." ***(Delta)***

Nation

American who helped stop terror attack returns to US

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—One of the three Americans who helped stop a terror attack on a high-speed train traveling from Amsterdam to Paris returned home to California on Tuesday.

AP

Anthony Sadler, center, who helped stop a terror attack on a high-speed train traveling from Amsterdam to Paris, walks across the tarmac to a waiting vehicle at Sacramento International Airport, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015, in Sacramento, Calif.

A relaxed Anthony Sadler, 23, walked off a commercial plane at Sacramento International Airport accompanied by his parents.

The Sacramento State University student was dressed in black shorts and a gray sweatshirt and was carrying a black backpack as the family walked into the tarmac with the rest of the passengers. Instead of using a jetway to the terminal like other travelers, the family was led to an area where several sheriff's vehicles waited.

TV trucks and a cluster of reporters waited outside Sadler's parents' home in the Sacramento suburb of Rancho Cordova Tuesday night but the family hadn't arrived to the house on a tree-lined street.

The family landed in Sacramento after taking a private jet to Portland, Oregon. Columbia Sportswear CEO Timothy Boyle had made the jet available to fly the Americans' mothers to France.

Sadler and two Sacramento-area friends, U.S. Air Force Airman Spencer Stone, 23, and Oregon National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos, 22, helped subdue Ayoub El-Khazzani, a man with ties to radical Islam who was carrying a handgun and an assault weapon on the train Friday.

Fire crews eye weather as heat, wind build in parts of West

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Massive wildfires in the West have led to poor air quality across the region, causing respiratory problems for people far from the fire lines as well as grounding firefighting aircraft.

"It's been a nightmare to breathe," said Okanogan County Sheriff Frank Rogers in Washington state.

Conditions were starting to improve Tuesday and Rogers said he could see the sun for the first time in a week.

That sun brought more heat to Washington, where firefighters kept a wary eye on rising temperatures and winds that threatened to expand what's already the largest wildfire on record in the state.

Similar concerns existed in Southern California, where temperatures of up to 106 degrees were forecast for interior valleys and deserts—conditions that could accelerate some of the 16 fires that are still burning in the state but posing little serious risk of major destruction.

The U.S. is in the middle of a severe fire season with some 11,600 square miles scorched so far. It's only the sixth-worst going back to 1960, but it's the most acreage burned by this date in a decade.

So many fires are burning in Washington state that managers are summoning help from abroad and 200 U.S. troops from a base in Tacoma in the first such use of active-duty soldiers in nine years.

Firefighters were grateful that 71 reinforcements had arrived from Australia and New Zealand to help lead efforts to contain the Okanogan fires along the border of Canada.

"'The Aussies are coming!" said Rick Isaacson, a spokesman for the firefighting effort.

The fires, which have claimed the lives of three firefighters, grew by 2.6 square miles on Monday night and have now burned 403 square miles. A total of 1,345 people were battling the flames.

The National Weather Service issued a red-flag warning for the area, saying temperatures were expected to climb into the 90s as humidity dropped and winds gusted to 20 mph. Thunderstorms were possible later in the week.

You can blame the beeping economy for worst US traffic ever

WASHINGTON (AP)—More jobs and cheaper gasoline come with a big, honking downside: U.S. roads are more clogged than ever now that the recession is in the rearview mirror.

Commuters in Washington, D.C., suffer the most, losing an average of 82 hours a year to rush-hour slowdowns, a new study finds. Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York come next on the list of urban areas with the longest delays.

But the pain reaches across the nation.

Overall, American motorists are stuck in traffic about 5 percent more than they were in 2007, the pre-recession peak, says the report from the Texas A&M Transportation Institute and INRIX Inc., which analyzes traffic data.

Four out of five cities have now surpassed their 2007 congestion.

Rounding out the Top 10 worst commuting cities are San Jose, Boston, Seattle, Chicago, Houston and Riverside-San Bernardino.

Cities with fast-growing economies and the most job growth are the most plagued by traffic. Other factors: Urban populations are increasing and lower fuel prices are making driving less expensive, so more people are taking to city roads.

Congestion increased in 61 of the nation's 101 largest cities from 2012 to 2013, the data showed. The following year, nearly all cities—95 out of 101±experienced greater congestion.

The findings are based on federal data about how many cars are on the roads and on traffic speed data collected by INRIX on 1.3 million miles of urban streets and highways.

The growth is outpacing the nation's ability to build the roads, bridges, trains and other infrastructure to handle all these people on the move. Congress has kept federal transportation programs teetering on the edge of insolvency for nearly eight years because lawmakers have been unwilling to raise the federal gas tax and haven't found a politically palatable alternative to pay for needed improvements.

Asia

India, UN appeal for peace after 11 die in Nepal clashes

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—India and the United Nations appealed for all parties to seek peace in Nepal, where hundreds of security forces on Tuesday were patrolling a western town after ethnic protesters demanding statehood attacked police a day earlier, leaving 11 people dead and many injured.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Nepalese counterpart Sushil Koirala to express the concern that political and social instability would seriously compound the tragedy caused by the earthquake that devastated Nepal earlier this year. Modi appealed to the government, all political parties and the people of Nepal to eschew violence and maintain social harmony, the Indian Embassy said in a statement.

Police officers and soldiers were rushed to Tikapur, 400 kilometers (250 miles) west of Kathmandu, after Monday's clashes.

Government administrator Raj Kumar Shrestha said authorities were in control of the town and surrounding areas and there were no protests or reports of curfew violations.

At least 20 police officers hurt in the clashes were being treated in hospitals. Seven police officers, the 2-year-old son of a police officer, and three protesters were killed. Many protesters fled into the jungle and nearby villages after troops were called into the town, and it was not clear if other protesters were killed.

The embassy statement said Modi told Koirala that the political leadership of Nepal should resolve all outstanding issues through dialogue between all political parties and through the widest possible consultations, including with the public, to strengthen trust and arrive at solutions that reflect the will of all citizens in a united, peaceful Nepal.

Giant neighbor India surrounds Nepal from three sides and has major influence over the Himalayan nation.

Home Minister Bam Dev Gautam told Nepal's Constituent Assembly that the protesters surrounded police who were enforcing a curfew and attacked them with stones, knives and spears.

The protesters from the Tharu ethnic group are demanding a separate state in the new constitution, which is being finalized in the Constituent Assembly. They say a separate state would give them a stronger say in local affairs. They have organized strikes and street demonstrations, but the protests turned violent Monday.

New airport's Internet room a closed window on North Korea

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—Pyongyang's shiny new airport building has all the features international travelers have come to expect, though some lose their luster upon closer examination. Case in point: Its Internet room appears to be missing the Internet.

On two recent trips through the airport by The Associated Press, the room's three terminals were either occupied by North Korean airport employees, making it impossible for others to use them, or were completely empty, with their keyboards removed. Attempts to open any browser with a mouse resulted in a failure to connect.

Maybe it was a temporary glitch. It's hard to say, since airport officials have refused to comment to The AP.

But a quick check of the history on two of the terminals showed one was either empty or had been cleared, and the other had a record only of a visit to Naenara, the North's official website.

At first glance, Internet at the airport would seem like quite a concession for a country that is almost completely sealed off from the World Wide Web.

Hardly any North Koreans have personal-use computers and most of with online access can see only the country's domestic version of the Web—an intranet that has only websites that are sanctioned by the government and is for internal use only.

The Internet itself can be seen only by a small number of elites, IT experts or others with a clear need to use it, and always under close supervision.

The Internet room at the airport, which opened a few months ago, is just part of efforts there to give visitors the sense that North Korea is just like any other modern travel destination.

Arriving passengers see coffee and well-stocked souvenir shops, a DVD stand, information desk and a slickly produced billboard showing a crew of the nation's flag-carrier, Air Koryo, looking sharp in their blue and red uniforms. There are even two chocolate fountains, one for white chocolate and the other for brown.

Another nod to international norms can be seen right behind the Internet room, in the smoking room.

ASIAN BRIEFS

NATO: Men in Afghan uniforms kill 2 foreign troops at base

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Two men wearing Afghan security force uniforms opened fire Wednesday inside a military base in southern Afghanistan, killing two NATO service members before being shot dead themselves, the international force said. NATO offered few details about the shooting in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province, which appeared to be the latest so-called "insider attack" to target foreign troops or contractors in the country. Afghan officials said they had no immediate details about the attack. In a statement, NATO said the two men in Afghan uniforms opened fire on a vehicle with international troops inside it. Both shooters were killed when NATO forces returned fire, it said.

Obama expresses regret to Japan's Abe for spying charges

TOKYO (AP)—President Barack Obama has called Japan's leader to express regret over recent WikiLeaks allegations that the U.S. had spied on senior Japanese officials. Obama told Prime Minister Shinzo Abe that he thought the trouble the revelations caused Abe and his government was regrettable, a Japanese government spokesman told reporters. The 40-minute call took place Wednesday morning Japan time. Japanese officials faced questioning from the media and in parliament after WikiLeaks posted online what appeared to be five U.S. National Security Agency reports on Japanese positions on international trade and climate change. They date from 2007 to 2009. WikiLeaks also posted what it says was an NSA list of 35 Japanese targets for telephone intercepts.

Cambodian police seize 1.5 tons of pot, largest in 15 years

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Cambodian police said Tuesday they confiscated nearly 1.5 tons of marijuana in what they described as their biggest seizure of the drug since they started cracking down on it 15 years ago. The head of the Interior Ministry's anti-drug unit, Gen. Khieu Samon, told reporters that the marijuana came from Laos and was supposed to be shipped to a third country that he refused to name, saying the case remained under investigation. He added that police were seeking to arrest the suspected mastermind, whom he described as a Westerner without revealing more details. Three Cambodians were arrested at different locations over the weekend in the Cambodian capital. Khieu Samon said the marijuana, packed in boxes alongside coffee, is worth about $7 million and that about 1 1/2 liters of cannabis oil was also seized.

World

Thousands of migrants walking through Balkans hit Hungary

SUBOTICA, Serbia (AP)—Thousands of migrants, many from Syria, poured into Hungary on Tuesday as soldiers frantically tried to finish a border fence to keep them out—the latest flashpoint as Europe struggles to handle a torrent of asylum seekers.

AP

Illegal migrants walk near the railway crossing at the border between Hungary and Serbia near Roszke, 180 km southeast from Budapest, Hungary, Tuesday Aug. 25, 2015.

The rush over the border by migrants fleeing war and poverty in the Middle East, Africa and Asia followed Macedonia's decision to lift a three-day blockade of its border with Greece after thousands of migrants simply stormed past the Macedonian police who tried to stop them with force.

Nearly 10,000 migrants, including many women with babies and small children, have crossed into Serbia over the past few days and then headed up north toward European Union-member Hungary. Once inside the 28-nation EU, they seek to reach more prosperous Western European nations such as Germany, The Netherlands or Sweden.

The so-called Balkan corridor for migrants is becoming increasingly popular as migrants seek to avoid the dangerous boat crossings in the Mediterranean from North Africa to Italy.

About 140,000 migrants have reached Hungary already this year, over three times as many as in all of 2014. According to Hungarian police data, 2,093 migrants were detained while crossing illegally Monday, the highest figure so far this year. Over the past week, the average was nearly 1,500 people a day.

France train suspect watched jihadi video, prosecutor says

PARIS (AP)—Minutes before he slung an assault rifle across his chest and walked through a high-speed train, the Moroccan suspect in the foiled attack watched a jihadi video on his cellphone, the French prosecutor said in formally opening a terrorism investigation Tuesday.

The actions by Ayoub El-Khazzani on the Amsterdam-to-Paris train Friday night and information from other European authorities on his travels and apparent links to radical Islam prompted the investigation, said prosecutor Francois Molins.

El-Khazzani, 26, was tackled and tied up by five passengers, including three Americans and a Briton, averting what President Francois Hollande said "could have degenerated into monstrous carnage."

During questioning by authorities, El-Khazzani said he had no terrorism plans and had found a bag of weapons Thursday in a Brussels park and planned to use them to rob passengers, Molins said. But the suspect grew less and less lucid as he gave his explanation, the prosecutor added, and eventually stopped talking to investigators altogether.

One reason investigators suspect a premeditated attack was that El-Khazzani, who claimed to be homeless and living in a Brussels park, used a first-class ticket, Molins said. The suspect refused to take an earlier train, he added, although there were seats available—"the sign of a planned project."

He boarded the train Friday at a Brussels station.

Besides the assault rifle, El-Khazzani had 270 rounds of ammunition, a pistol, a box-cutter and a bottle of gasoline, Molins said.

Prosecutors also said they found a small explosive like those used in the tips of missiles hidden in the glass box containing the hammer used to break train windows in case of emergency. They did not elaborate.

Palestinians, Vatican could raise UN flags before pope visit

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—In a move likely to upset Israel's government, the Palestinians and the Vatican are seeking to raise their flags at U.N. headquarters—just in time for Pope Francis' visit next month.

Supporters of the idea hope the U.N. General Assembly will adopt a resolution on the flag-raising shortly before the pope arrives. They're betting that the United States or other allies of Israel will not block the plan and risk offending the Holy See on Francis' first U.S. visit.

The Palestinians' proposal has been tabled, and a draft of the resolution set to be made public Wednesday has been seen by The Associated Press. It would allow non-member observer states—there are only two—to display their flags with the 193 member states.

The United States and Israel oppose recognizing the Palestinian state, arguing that it undermines efforts to negotiate a peace agreement. That process, however, has largely been at a standstill since the deadly conflict in Gaza a year ago.

Many states have shown support for the Palestinians' pursuit of statehood, including the Holy See.

In May, the Vatican officially recognized the state of Palestine in their first formal, bilateral treaty. Israel's foreign ministry said it was "disappointed." During Francis' 2014 visit to the Holy Land, the Vatican's official program referred to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas as the president of the "state of Palestine."

In 2012, the Vatican welcomed an overwhelming vote in the General Assembly to upgrade the Palestinians' status to a U.N. non-member observer state. Their delegation promptly unfurled the flag in the chamber.

The pope has not been shy about ambitious diplomacy. He helped bring the United States and Cuba together for their historic reestablishment of diplomatic ties. Last year, he invited the Israeli and Palestinian presidents for a day of peace prayers at the Vatican. Most countries in Western Europe have held off on recognizing a Palestinian state, but some have hinted that their position could change if peace efforts remain deadlocked. Most countries in Africa, Asia and South America have recognized Palestine.

Life & Style

Trump has Univision anchor removed from news conference

DUBUQUE, Iowa (AP)—Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump engaged in a prolonged confrontation with the anchor of the nation's leading Spanish-language network during a news conference Tuesday, first having the well-known news personality removed before allowing him back in.

Jorge Ramos, the Miami-based anchor for Univision, stood up and began to ask Trump about his immigration proposal, which includes ending automatic citizenship for infants born in the United States to parents in the country illegally.

As Ramos began to speak, Trump interrupted him, saying he hadn't called on Ramos before repeatedly telling him to "sit down" and then saying, "Go back to Univision."

As one of Trump's security detail approached Ramos, the anchor continued to speak, saying, "You cannot deport 11 million people." Ramos was referring to Trump's proposal to deport all people in the country illegally before allowing some of them to return.

As he was taken from the room, Ramos said, "You cannot build a 1,900-mile wall," another proposal in Trump's plan.

Moments later, Trump justified Ramos' removal, saying: "He just stands up and starts screaming. Maybe he's at fault also."

The billionaire businessman's immigration proposal has sparked intense debate within the 2016 Republican field. Several candidates, including former Gov. Jeb Bush, have called it "unrealistic," and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker bobbled his answer on whether he supports ending birthright citizenship.

Ramos was later allowed back into the news conference. Trump greeted him politely, though they quickly resumed their argument, interrupting each other during an extended back-and-forth.

"Your immigration plan, it is full of empty promises," Ramos began. "You cannot deny citizenship to children born in this country."

"Why do you say that?" Trump replied. "Some of the great legal scholars agree that's not true."

AP

Miami-based Univision anchor Jorge Ramos, left, asks Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump a question about his immigration proposal during a news conference, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Citizenship for infants born in the United States is guaranteed by the 14th Amendment, and changing that would require amending the Constitution.

A Washington think tank that favors immigration restrictions, the Center for Immigration Studies, estimates that about 40,000 babies annually are born to parents who enter the United States specifically to have a child, and that most of those parents enter the country legally.

A Pew Research Center study in 2010 estimated 340,000 babies born in 2008 were the offspring of people in the country illegally.

During the five-minute exchange, Ramos claimed that 40 percent of people in the country illegally enter through airports, not over the Mexican border. "I don't believe that. I don't believe it," Trump responded.

A 2006 report by the Pew Hispanic Center found that as much as 45 percent of the people in the U.S. illegally entered with legal visas but overstayed them.

Trump said he did not believe that a majority of immigrants in the U.S. illegally were criminals, or in the country to commit crimes. "Most of them are good people," he said. But he described recent cases where people had been killed by assailants later determined to be in the country illegally.

Finally, Trump reminded Ramos that he was suing Univision, which dropped Trump's Miss Universe pageant after he described Mexican immigrants in the U.S. illegally as "criminals" and "rapists."

AP

This file photo combination made from Aug. 6, 2015, photos shows Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, and Fox News Channel host and moderator Megyn Kelly during the first Republican presidential debate at the Quicken Loans Arena, in Cleveland.

Fox News chief: Donald Trump owes Megyn Kelly an apology

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox News chief Roger Ailes said Tuesday that Donald Trump owes the network's Megyn Kelly an apology for an unprovoked Twitter attack that "is as unacceptable as it is disturbing," but Trump isn't backing down.

The Republican presidential front-runner-turned-TV-critic had welcomed Kelly back from a vacation Monday night by tweeting that he liked her show better while she was away. Trump said Kelly "must have had a terrible vacation" because "she's really off her game." He retweeted a message that referred to her as a bimbo.

"Megyn Kelly represents the very best of American journalism and all of us at Fox News Channel reject the crude and irresponsible attempts to suggest otherwise," said Ailes, the Fox News Channel chairman. "I could not be more proud of Megyn for her professionalism and class in the face of all of Mr. Trump's verbal assaults."

Trump, in a statement, said he disagreed with Ailes and that he doesn't think Kelly is a quality journalist. "Hopefully in the future I will be proven wrong and she will be able to elevate her standards to a level of professionalism that a network such as Fox deserves."

In a news conference later Tuesday in Dubuque, Iowa, Trump again refused to apologize to Kelly, saying, "She should probably apologize to me, but I just don't care."

He added, "I think Fox treats me terribly." Trump has been attacking Kelly ever since her tough questioning of him during the first GOP presidential debate, seen by 24 million people on Fox on Aug. 6. A day after the debate, he said Kelly had "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever."

That led to a private, clear-the-air conversation between Ailes and Trump two weeks ago, but that clearly hasn't led to peace.

In his tweets, Trump repeated his contention that Kelly, host of a prime-time Fox News show and one of the network's biggest stars, was sent on an unplanned vacation that ended Monday. Fox said her time off had been scheduled long before the debate. Trump also tweeted that Kelly was afraid to confront a guest, Dr. Cornel West, and that she had "no clue" on immigration.

Wife has all the company she needs in her electronic devices

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 22 years, and we had a good marriage until recently. Over the last three years she has become more and more consumed with her phone and tablet. She goes nowhere and does nothing without them.

Every night and weekend she sits engrossed in both devices until well after I have gone to bed. If I ask what she's doing or who she's texting, she accuses me of being controlling and not trusting her.

We can't watch a movie, eat a meal (out or at home) or anything else without her constantly tending to at least one of her devices. She says she can multitask and I shouldn't be concerned, but it has greatly diminished our relationship. I feel like when we're together, I am really alone.

If that isn't enough, I have seen her communications with other men, sometimes intimate, late at night. When I ask about them, she throws the same labels at me. What should I do?

ONLY HUMAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ONLY HUMAN: What you should do is tell your wife you have seen the intimate late-night conversations she has been having with other men, and that you feel she has abandoned you. Do not let her accuse you of being controlling or untrusting. You have done nothing wrong.

If she is willing to come clean and deal with the problems in your marriage, which go beyond her addiction to electronic devices, you should agree to marriage counseling. If she's not, you will then have to weigh whether this kind of marriage is enough for you, because it certainly wouldn't be for many men.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm in ninth grade and my birthday is coming up. I invited a group of friends to go out and eat dinner at a nice restaurant, assuming everyone would pay for their own meal. Unfortunately, that's not the case. Some of them said they expect me to pay. Others think I'd be crazy if I did that and even insisted on paying for mine.

If I pay for everyone to eat at a restaurant, it's going to be pricy and my parents will be upset. I can't uninvite anyone, and it's not like I can take them to a cheap fast food place. What do you think I should do?

SAD BIRTHDAY GIRL

DEAR SAD BIRTHDAY GIRL: I think you should contact your prospective guests and start the conversation by saying, "Let me CLARIFY ..." That way, anyone who wants to will be able to back out and there will be no misunderstandings. The lesson here is to never assume.

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DEAR ABBY: I quit school in the 1970s and joined the service. I got my GED and I'm friends with a lot of the people I went to high school with. They constantly ask me to attend their high school reunion.

DEAR ABBY
By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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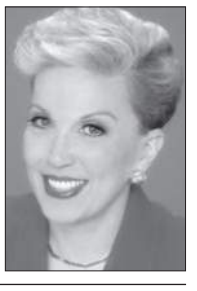

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My problem is, I didn't graduate with my class and don't know if I should go. I don't want to feel awkward, but I'd love to see the classmates from that part of my life. What is protocol on this?

UNSURE IN ATHENS, OHIO

DEAR UNSURE: Go to the reunion! I'm sure your former classmates will be as glad to see you as you will be to see them. It's not as if this is a state dinner; it's only a high school reunion, for heaven's sake.

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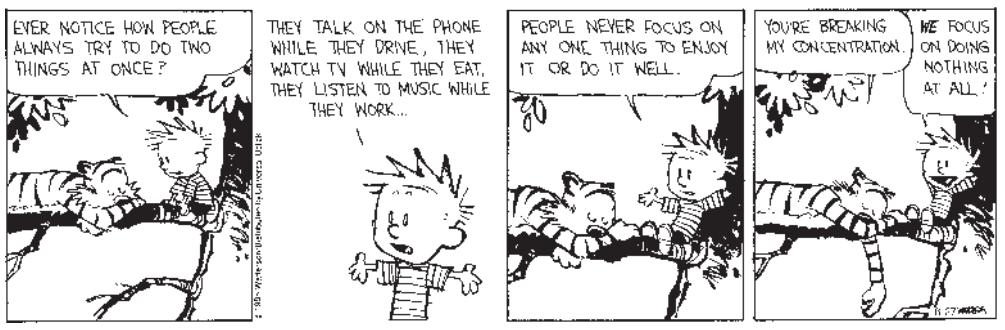
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


EVER NOTICE HOW PEOPLE ALWAYS TRY TO DO TWO THINGS AT ONCE?
THEY TALK ON THE PHONE WHILE THEY DRIVE, THEY WATCH TV WHILE THEY EAT, THEY LISTEN TO MUSIC WHILE THEY WORK...
PEOPLE NEVER FOCUS ON ANY ONE THING TO ENJOY IT OR DO IT WELL.
YOU'RE BREAKING MY CONCENTRATION.
WE FOCUS ON DOING NOTHING AT ALL!

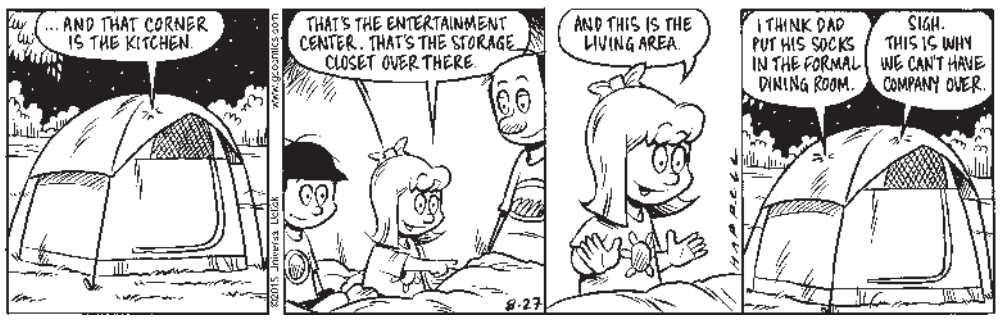
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

"DEAR ASK A DOG, DO YOU THINK A DOG WILL EVER WALK ON MARS?"
YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP!
YES, BUT ONLY AFTER THEY MAKE A REALLY LONG LEASH
JIM DAVIS 8-27

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


...AND THAT CORNER IS THE KITCHEN.
THAT'S THE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER. THAT'S THE STORAGE CLOSET OVER THERE.
AND THIS IS THE LIVING AREA.
I THINK DAD PUT HIS SOCKS IN THE FORMAL DINING ROOM.
SIGH. THIS IS WHY WE CAN'T HAVE COMPANY OVER.
8-27

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
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4 Delves
8 Carnelian variety
12 Chum
13 Worshipped one
14 Rip
15 "Merci"
17 Top-notch
18 "... or — to be"
19 1/100 of a mark
21 Quarterback Troy
24 Craze
25 Banned insecticide
26 Gratuity
28 Luke-warm
32 Shaving cream additive
34 "Phooey!"
36 Gaelic
37 Copycat birds
39 Profit
41 Pub order
42 Squealer
44 "A Few Good Men" director
46 Bankrupt
50 Wapiti
51 Eager
52 Free-mail privilege
56 Detective Wolfe
57 Surpasses
58 Caspian, e.g.
59 Metric measure
60 Agile
61 Height of fashion?

DOWN
1 Suitable
2 Oom follower
3 Krill, e.g.
4 Harsh decree
5 Slick, maybe
6 Yucky stuff
7 Form of tobacco
8 Seatless passenger
9 Very long time (Var.)
10 Hindu royal
11 Bottom-of-the-barrel bit
16 Artesian appellation
20 Nosh
21 Leading man?
22 Without acting
23 Pen point
27 Skillet
29 Mischievous
30 Man is one
31 Bambi, e.g.
33 Peer's realm, perhaps
35 That girl
38 Put into words
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47 Always
48 Old Italian money
49 Item on stage
53 Spring mo.
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55 Whale group

Solution time: 24 mins.

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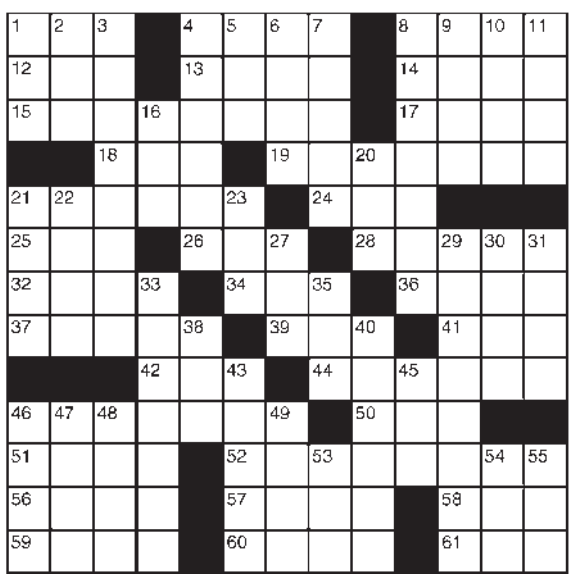

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Keep your emotions in check and offer a little charm and flirtation. It's how you approach the people you deal with that will make the difference. Be sure you do your homework and don't overlook minor details. Romance conquers all. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Pick up information, documentation, skills or whatever else it takes to advance your career. Keeping a steady pace and refusing to let emotional matters get you down will ensure that you expand your interests and engage in unique opportunities. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Too much to do and too many choices will lead to confusion and making promises you can't keep. Slow down and readjust your course until it is more realistic. Think before you take action. Put time aside for family fun. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't let anyone railroad you into taking on responsibilities that will cause you to neglect your own pursuits. Focus on exploring your interests and developing a strategy that will help you reach your goals and stay within your means. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): If you want to bring about change, you will have to be resourceful. Touch base with someone from your past who has experience with what you want to pursue. Make personal changes that will help you ease your stress. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You can overcome anything if you exercise patience and refrain from being critical. Compassion and understanding will help you gain respect and enlist the help you need to reach your goals. Expand your interests and your friendships. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Make an effort to participate in events that will improve your environment, community or your relationships with loved ones. Positive changes will help reduce the demands being put on you by someone trying to control your life. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Avoid getting involved in a dispute or altercation that could result in injury. Focus on being creative when it comes to work and how you run your household. Don't be afraid to be different. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You can charm influential people, but make sure you also honor the promises you make. Start making changes that will help you be the kind of leader that other people expect you to be. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Financial opportunities are heading your way. Expand your interests, but don't be too free with your ideas, or someone will try to step in and take over. Bide your time, pick your battles and aim for victory. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't let your emotions cause problems with someone you love. Listen carefully and offer understanding and practical solutions and you will bring about positive change. An interesting position will grab your interest. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Review your goals and collaborate with someone from your past who will help you get things done quickly and efficiently. Make your intentions known and put what you have to offer in writing before you proceed. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are persuasive, inventive and proactive. You are astute and progressive.

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- Must possess good communication skill

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- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

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Gomez, Gattis lead Keuchel and Astros to testy rout of Yanks

NEW YORK (AP)—Carlos Gomez and Evan Gattis both homered and drove in four runs, sending Dallas Keuchel and the Houston Astros to a 15-1 blowout of the New York Yankees that briefly got testy Tuesday night.

Keuchel (15-6) held New York scoreless for the second time this season and became the first 15-game winner in the American League.

Gomez busted out of a hitting slump along with several teammates and rankled the Yankees with his flashy style.

The center fielder jawed with players in New York's dugout after flipping his bat aside when he flied out in the sixth inning, then stood nose to nose with young catcher John Ryan Murphy before they were separated. Both benches and bullpens emptied, but the teams quickly went their respective ways without any pushing or shoving.

His next time up, Gomez launched a three-run homer into the Yankees' bullpen in right-center to cap a six-run seventh.

Blue Jays 6, Rangers 5

In Arlington, Texas, Troy Tulowitzki had a game-tying RBI single in the ninth inning before Adrian Beltre's throwing error allowed another Toronto run to score as the AL East-leading Blue Jays rallied for a victory over the Rangers.

Rangers closer Shawn Tolleson walked two of the first three batters he faced. After pinch-hitter Justin Smoak flied out, Tulowitzki looped a single to left to tie the game 5-5. Josh Donaldson then hit a high chopper to Beltre, the four-time Gold Glove third baseman who fielded the ball before a wide throw to first base.

It was only the second blown save this season for Tolleson (5-3), who has 25 saves and had converted his last 12 chances.

LaTroy Hawkins (3-1) gave up three singles in a scoreless eighth before Roberto Osuna worked the ninth for his 15th save in 16 chances.

Angels 8, Tigers 7

In Detroit, Albert Pujols homered and the Angels scored three times on wild pitches in a victory over the Tigers.

Both teams came into the game with four-game losing streaks, dropping the Angels 1 ½ games behind Texas for the second American League wild-card spot and the Tigers to sixth, 5 ½ games back.

Jered Weaver (6-9) picked up the win, despite allowing six runs on seven hits in 5 2-3 innings. Weaver struck out one batter and didn't issue a walk.

Huston Street got the final four outs for his 30th save.

Alfredo Simon (11-8) struggled badly, giving up eight runs on nine hits, four walks and three wild pitches. He struck out two.

Indians 11, Brewers 6

In Cleveland, Josh Tomlin shook off three home runs and lasted six innings to win his season debut at home and Michael Brantley homered twice, leading the Indians to a win over the Brewers.

Tomlin (2-1) allowed solo homers in the first and second innings before retiring 12 straight until the sixth, when Ryan Braun hit a two-run shot.

The right-hander was making his third start since being activated from the disabled list following shoulder surgery in March. He had been 0-5 in eight starts since his last win at Progressive Field.

Brantley hit a pair of two-run shots for the Indians, who chased Wily Peralta (4-8) in the third inning. Jason Kipnis, who came in tied for the AL batting lead, had three hits and rookie Francisco Lindor had three RBIs for Cleveland.

Jonathan Lucroy homered twice and Domingo Santana connected for Milwaukee.

Twins 11, Rays 7

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Brian Dozier, Miguel Sano and Eddie Rosario all homered as Minnesota beat the Rays for the Twins' fifth straight win.

Dozier gave Minnesota a 7-5 advantage on a two-run drive off reliever Matt Andriese (3-4) in the fourth. It was his third homer in 11 at-bats against Tampa Bay this season.

Eduardo Escobar hit a two-run double during a three-run fifth that extended the Twins' lead to 10-6.

Tampa Bay catcher Curt Casali made it 10-7 on his ninth homer since the All-Star break and 10th overall later in the fifth, but appeared to take an awkward step near first base and had to leave the game after slowly going around the bases.

Sano opened the scoring on a towering three-run drive to center off Nathan Karns in the first.

J.R. Graham (1-1) allowed one run over two-thirds of an inning for his first major league win.

Mets 6, Phillies 5

In Philadelphia, Michael Cuddyer hit a go-ahead two-run, pinch-hit single in the sixth inning and Noah Syndergaard finally won on the road as the Mets beat the Phillies for their fifth straight victory.

Yoenis Cespedes homered for the Mets, who have won 17 of their last 23 to remain 5½ games up on the Nationals in the NL East.

Ryan Howard and Freddy Galvis homered for Philadelphia, which has lost seven straight to the Mets.

Syndergaard (8-6) did just enough to earn his first road victory of the season in his 10th try. He entered 0-5 with a 5.05 ERA away from Citi Field while 8-1 with a 1.82 at home.

AP

Houston Astros Carlos Gomez hits a seventh-inning, three-run home run off New York Yankees relief pitcher Chris Capuano during a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015.

In five innings, Syndergaard allowed four runs, two earned, and four hits with nine strikeouts and two walks.

Jerome Williams (4-10) took the loss.

Nationals 8, Padres 3

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg allowed two hits over six innings, Ryan Zimmerman hit a grand slam and the Nationals beat the Padres.

Wilson Ramos also homered for the Nationals, who are chasing the first-place New York Mets in the NL East.

Strasburg (8-6) struck out seven and walked one. The right-hander retired the final 15 batters he faced. Strasburg is 5-1 with a 1.51 ERA in his last seven starts and 5-1 in his career against the Padres.

Zimmerman connected in the sixth off Bud Norris for an 8-2 lead. It was his fifth career slam, the first since 2013.

Jedd Gyorko homered twice but San Diego lost its second straight after five consecutive wins.

James Shields (9-6) gave up four runs, eight hits and four walks in 5 2/3 innings. San Diego has lost 12 of his 15 starts since June 9.

Rockies 5, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Chad Bettis pitched five solid innings in his return from the disabled list and the Rockies scored four unearned runs, taking advantage of three errors by Atlanta third baseman Adonis Garcia in a victory over the Braves.

Bettis (6-4) allowed five hits, walked two and struck out four in his first big league start since July 18. He was coming back from right elbow inflammation.

The Rockies scored two runs in the first after Garcia misplayed a grounder to his left that could have been an inning-ending double play. Garcia let Nick Hundley's grounder get right through him to start the fourth, allowing the Rockies to tack on two more runs when DJ LeMahieu came through with a two-out, bases-loaded single.

Dodgers 5, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Alex Wood took a shutout into the sixth inning, and Justin Turner and Jimmy Rollins each hit two-run home runs as the Dodgers snapped their five-game losing streak with a win over the Reds.

Rollins also doubled and scored while the NL West-leading Dodgers matched their run total from their previous four games combined.

The Reds have lost 10 of their last 11 games.

Cincinnati got its leadoff batter on base in four of the first five innings, but never pushed anybody past second with Wood (9-8) on the mound. He left after Brandon Phillips singled with two outs in the sixth, and reliever Chris Hatcher then gave up Todd Frazier's RBI double.

Marlins 5, Pirates 2

In Miami, Major-league batting leader Dee Gordon tied a career high with four stolen bases, had two infield hits and scored twice, helping the Marlins beat the Pirates.

Miami's Brad Hand (4-3) pitched into the ninth inning. He came into the game 7-20 as a starter, worst among all active pitchers, according to STATS, but has won three of his past four starts.

A.J. Ramos came on with two on and no outs in the ninth and earned his 22nd save in 27 chances.

Gordon scored the Marlins' first run and reached on a bunt single to begin their three-run sixth against Charlie Morton (8-5). Gordon turned two double plays at second base, including a nifty one started by third baseman Martin Prado.

Gordon hiked his average to .333, and he leads the majors with 156 hits.

Royals 3, Orioles 2

In Kansas City, Mo., Kendrys Morales hit a solo homer, Mike Moustakas and Eric Hosmer also drove in runs and the Royals leaned on their bullpen to beat the Orioles.

Danny Duffy (7-6) dodged trouble for most of 5 2-3 innings, allowing two runs on five hits and two walks. The left-hander struck out five in a start that began in crisp efficiency and ended with the Orioles threatening to pull ahead in the sixth inning.

Luke Hochevar calmed things down with an inning of relief, though. Kelvin Herrera had no trouble with the rest of the seventh and eighth, and Wade Davis pitched a perfect ninth in place of closer Greg Holland to earn his 12th save.

Miguel Gonzalez (9-10) allowed all three runs on six hits and three walks in 4 1-3 innings.

White Sox 5, Red Sox 4

In Chicago, rookie Trayce Thompson drove in three runs, including a go-ahead, two-run double, and the White Sox beat the Red Sox.

Thompson, who was called up Aug. 3, finished 3 for 4 and was a home run shy of hitting for the cycle. His two-out double sparked a three-run seventh inning, when the White Sox erased a 4-2 deficit.

Melky Cabrera added an RBI single in the seventh for Chicago, which had 15 hits.

The Chicago bullpen protected the one-run lead for the final two innings. Jake Petricka (4-3) picked up the win in relief and combined with Zach Duke and David Robertson to close it out.

Cardinals 9, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Tommy Pham had his second career three-hit game, Jaime Garcia pitched six strong innings and St. Louis cruised past Arizona.

Three days after his first three-hit game, Pham singled twice and got his second career triple. He scored three times.

Six players had RBIs for the Cardinals, two apiece for Jhonny Peralta, Jason Heyward and Yadier Molina. The Cardinals' Peter Bourjos' got his first career pinch-hit home run.

Garcia (6-4) allowed a run and four hits, striking out six and walking one. The Cardinals, 35 games above .500, earned their MLB-best 80th victory and lengthened their lead to five games over second-place Pittsburgh in the NL Central.

Mariners 6, Athletics 5

In Seattle, Austin Jackson's bases-loaded, two-run single in the fifth inning capped Seattle's rally from a five-run deficit and led the Mariners past Oakland.

Down 5-0 entering the fourth inning, Nelson Cruz sparked Seattle's comeback with his major league-leading 38th home run, a solo shot off Jesse Chavez. He extended his streak of reaching base safely to 35 straight games.

Logan Morrison, on his 28th birthday, finished the fourth-inning rally with a two-run shot, his 13th, off the foul pole in right.

The Mariners added three runs in the fifth, finishing with Jackson's two-out, go-ahead single that chased Chavez (7-13).

Cubs 8, Giants 5

In San Francisco, Kyle Schwarber, Miguel Montero and Starlin Castro all hit home runs in support of another solid outing from Jake Arrieta, and Chicago won its sixth straight.

Schwarber's towering, three-run homer in the third set the tone for the Cubs, who have won 21 of 25 games to pull 7 1/2 games ahead of the Giants for the second wild-card spot.

Arrieta (16-6) had his 13th consecutive quality start, the longest streak by a Cubs pitcher in 23 years. He allowed an unearned run on four hits in six-plus innings.

Arrieta, who took over the major-league lead for wins, walked one and struck out eight, lowering his ERA to 2.22, second in the NL behind Los Angeles Dodgers' Zack Greinke's 1.67.

Steelers sign QB Michael Vick to 1-year deal

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Michael Vick needed a job. The Pittsburgh Steelers needed a backup quarterback.

One solid workout solved both problems.

The Steelers signed the four-time Pro Bowler to a one-year deal on Tuesday night, hopeful there's enough game left in the 35-year-old's still dangerous legs to provide the defending AFC North champions some insurance should something happen to Ben Roethlisberger.

"There's not a throw on the field he can't make from an arm strength standpoint," Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin said. "He's a very experienced guy at what he does at this point in his career and the mobility is still unique even at 35."

Vick spent 2014 with the New York Jets, engineering an upset over the Steelers on Nov. 9 by throwing for two touchdowns in a 20-13 victory, his lone triumph during an otherwise forgettable season. The Jets made no move to retain him and with backup Bruce Gradkowski on injured reserve after hurting his left (non-throwing) hand in last Sunday's preseason win over Green Bay, Pittsburgh didn't hesitate to reach out to Vick.

Tomlin said the situation isn't unlike what the Steelers went through in 2008 when Charlie Batch was injured during training camp. Pittsburgh brought in Byron Leftwich and Daunte Culpepper and put them through the paces at Latrobe High School before signing Leftwich, who ended up playing four seasons in two different stints with the team.

"(Leftwich) gave us several good years of service ... a guy that was a franchise quarterback who embraced the challenge here," Tomlin said. "I imagine Mike is of the same mindset."

Vick is more than six years removed a lengthy prison stay following his federal conviction for financing a dogfighting conspiracy. The arrest and subsequent downfall forced him out of the league in his prime, though he resurrected his career with Philadelphia, making the Pro Bowl in 2010 after throwing for 3,018 yards and 21 touchdowns. The last three years have been a steady decline and he was little more than a situational specialist last season for the Jets behind Geno Smith.

AP
In this Nov. 24, 2014 file photo, New York Jets quarterback Michael Vick looks from the sidelines during the second half of an NFL football game against the Buffalo Bills in Detroit.

Still, his presence carries weight. Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell said he was "starstruck" when he ran into Vick before practice.

"He's a guy I idolized growing up," Bell said.

One who has made a concerted effort to become an advocate for animals even as the stigma of his crime persists, something that hasn't gone unnoticed by Pittsburgh's front office.

"Obviously we're sensitive to those potential things but we are going to do our due diligence," Tomlin said. "Rest assured that we've done that, but rest assured he's done a lot since he's gone through some of the things he's gone through and his track record at this point in that regard speaks for itself."

There is no chance of Vick being in the mix for the starting job so long as Roethlisberger—who hasn't missed a game in two years—remains healthy. Vick instead will get a chance to beat out Landry Jones for the No. 2 spot. Jones remains a project entering his third season, though Tomlin has stressed repeatedly that the "arrow is pointing up" in terms of Jones' development.

Vick, however, could be an intriguing option for an offense that ranked second in the league last year behind Roethlisberger, Bell and wide receiver Antonio Brown. He gave the Steelers an up-close look at what he could do during that odd victory in mid-November—a loss that nearly derailed Pittsburgh's momentum on its way to a division title—and there remains an intense respect for his erratic if singular talent.

Roethlisberger, an unabashed dog lover whose foundation provides support for K-9 units in the region, isn't concerned about Vick's past misdeeds becoming a factor.

"This is a locker room, and it's about football," he said. "And that's what matters most to me."

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New York	69	56	.552	1
Baltimore	62	63	.496	8
Tampa Bay	62	63	.496	8
Boston	57	69	.452	13½

Central Division

Kansas City	77	48	.616	—
Minnesota	64	61	.512	13
Chicago	59	65	.476	17½
Cleveland	59	66	.472	18
Detroit	59	66	.472	18

West Division

Houston	70	57	.551	—
Texas	64	60	.516	4½
Los Angeles	64	61	.512	5
Seattle	58	68	.460	11½
Oakland	55	72	.433	15

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	69	56	.552	—
Washington	63	61	.508	5½
Atlanta	54	72	.429	15½
Miami	51	75	.405	18½
Philadelphia	50	76	.397	19½

Central Division

St. Louis	80	45	.640	—
Pittsburgh	75	49	.605	4½
Chicago	73	51	.589	6½
Milwaukee	53	73	.421	27½
Cincinnati	52	72	.419	27½

West Division

Los Angeles	68	56	.548	—
San Francisco		66	59	.5282½
Arizona	62	63	.496	6½
San Diego	61	64	.488	7½
Colorado	50	74	.403	18

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Source: Cowboys' Scandrick out for year with knee injury

Orlando Scandrick's season is over before it started after the Dallas cornerback tore two ligaments in his right knee in practice at training camp Tuesday.

A person with knowledge of the injury told The Associated Press that an MRI exam revealed tears to the anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team had not announced the injury.

Video showed Scandrick's leg bending awkwardly under rookie receiver Lucky Whitehead at the end of a play in Oxnard, California. Scandrick, who was carted off the field, had recently returned to practice after sitting out with soreness in his left knee.

"He said immediately, `It's my ACL. I know it. It's gone,'" secondary coach Jerome Henderson said.

The other defensive backs formed a circle for a prayer when practice ended.

"I heard it in his voice," said cornerback Morris Claiborne, a top-10 pick in 2012 who has had injury issues, including a torn patellar tendon in his left knee that limited him to four games last year. "After just sitting there and looking at him and just holding his hand, squeezing. I know that feeling."

Whitehead said he bent down when he thought Scandrick was going to hit him as the receiver came out of a route.

"I kind of felt it," Whitehead said. "I heard him make a noise."

Scandrick became the team's best cornerback as Brandon Carr struggled in coverage the past two seasons and Claiborne underperformed when he made it to the field. The eighth-year player has 48 starts among his 102 games, with a career-high two interceptions each of the past two seasons.

His injury will test a position that has much more depth than it did going into training camp last year. The Cowboys picked up fourth-year player Corey White on waivers from New Orleans, and he has been solid in camp along with undrafted second-year player Tyler Patmon.

Dallas also drafted Byron Jones in the first round this year.

"It's next man up if he is out," Henderson said of Scandrick. "You hate that it happens to such a great player. We have to keep moving."

Tony Romo was among several Cowboys who tweeted their support of Scandrick not long after practice ended. "Sending prayers out to Orlando Scandrick," Romo wrote. "Fear he has a torn acl. Your (sic) the best bud."

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lier edged the East group, 2-1. The Kagas gave the North the two wins versus the East with Conatsu beating Tahiti's Meherio Tautu, 6-2, 6-4, in their singles match last Monday, and then partnering with her sister in outclassing another Tahiti pair in Tautu and Chrissy Vonge, 6-0, 7-5.

The Kaga siblings and Tuttle's triumph in the girls U12 division was also the lone win the North crew recorded in the second and last day of the team tournament. The North dropped its matches in the girls U14 age group and boys U12 and U14 divisions.

In the girls U14, the North squad lost to eventual overall champion East team, 1-2.

The CNMI's Malika Miyawaki and Mimi Sakano delivered the only victory for the North squad as they topped American Samoa's Hanisi Ledua and Mychealla Miller, 6-0, 6-0, in the first doubles match. Miyawaki played in the second doubles game, too, but she and Tania Tan bowed to Samoa's Eleanor Schuster and American Samoa's Crystal Christman, 6-4, 4-6, 6-10. Tan also lost to Schuster in an earlier singles match, 3-6, 0-6.

In the boys U12 division, the North squad absorbed a 0-3 defeat at the hands of the West team. The CNMI's Seun Jin Paik partnered with Guam's Andrew Leng in the first doubles match and they fell to Tuvalu's Kelese Kofe and Vanuatu's Warea Tigona, 2-6, 0-6. Paik's fellow CNMI player Ji Min Woo also competed in the doubles with Jerson Freddy and the North duo bowed to Kofe and Fiji's Maui Leflon, 1-6, 2-6. Freddy suited up in the only singles game in the division and was also beaten by Leflon, 3-6, 2-6.

In the boys U14 age group, the North squad managed to gain one win courtesy of the CNMI's Vincent Tudela and FSM's Joab William. Tudela and William swept American Samoa's John Quin Lim and Fiji's Kristen Pavitt, 6-4, 6-4, to prevent the East team from shutting down the North. The East's Gilliant Osmont defeated the CNMI's Robbie Schorr in the singles match, 7-6 (2), 7-5, and later joined forces with fellow Tahiti player Jeremy Guines in outclassing Schorr and Ken Song in the second and last doubles game, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

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Song, on the other hand, was runner-up to Schorr in the boys U14 singles and adding his third place finish in the doubles, the former forced a deadlock for fourth place with Vanuatu's Marlin Hannam and Tahiti's Jeremy Guines as the three have similar 800 ranking points.

With Guines and other East players barging into the leaderboard, the CNMI's Vincent Tudela dropped from ninth to a share of No. 12 spot with American Samoa's John Quin Lim. Tudela got 400 points for placing second in the doubles and fourth in the singles.

Joining Tudela, Song, and Schorr on the ranking list are Haruya Eda and Steven Goodwin. Eda finished the season with 240 points (tied for No. 22 with Fiji's Niko Matulic) after making it to the quarterfinals of the regionals, while Goodwin bagged 140 points (No. 28) for getting runner-up honors (with Tudela) in the doubles.

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bwe's Tatenda Tsumba (21.21), and Montenegro's Luka Rakic (21.86).

There were seven qualifying heats in the 200m run with 24 participants advancing to the semifinals. Turkmenistan's Ramil Guliyev posted the fastest qualifying time at 20.01 seconds, beating the 20.19 of the United States' Justin Gatlin, who topped Heat 4, and the 20.28 of Heat 3 winner Usain Bolt of Jamaica. The semis round of the event was set last night (10:30pm Saipan time) with the 24 qualifiers divided into three heats and the Top 2 finishers in each heat and the next two fastest (combined three groups) racing in the medal round tonight.

The World Championships will run until this weekend and at press time, Kenya is ahead in the medal standings with its four gold medals, three silvers, and two bronzes. Great Britain has earned three gold medals for second place, followed by Jamaica (two gold medals and one bronze), Germany (1-2-1 tally) and Ethiopia (1-2-0). The U.S. is in solo sixth place with one gold, one silver, and four bronzes.

Meanwhile, Northern Marianas Athletics president Ramon Tebuteb joined Ngirchongor in Beijing to attend the International Association of Athletics Federations Congress, which elected a new president in Great Britain's Sebastian Coe last Aug. 20.

The Brit won over Ukraine's Serhiy Nazarovych Bubka, 115-92, to take over the IAAF leadership from outgoing president Lamine Diack of Senegal.

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Kaga sisters, Tuttle shut out foes

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Siblings Conatsu and Coume Kaga and Ericka Tuttle had a strong finish in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships as they powered the North Pacific Team to a 3-0 win against the West squad yesterday at the Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji.

Conatsu started things off for the CNMI-led North Pacific crew as she outlasted the Solomon Islands' Zorika Morgan in an extended singles match in the girls U12 age group. The older Kaga faltered in the opening set, 1-6, but came back swinging in the second with her own 6-1 victory and picked up where she left off, notching a 10-3 triumph in the super-tiebreaker third set.

With Conatsu's singles win, the North group needed only one doubles triumph to beat the West and got the victory early when Tuttle teamed up with the Federated States of Micronesia's Anne Skilling and downed the Solomon Islands' Prudence Bird and Vanuatu's Desiree Signo in the opening doubles tiff, 6-4, 6-4.

Despite gaining the outright win, the North's girls U12 bets kept going with the Kaga siblings completing their domination of the West squad with a 6-4, 6-1 triumph versus the pair or Morgan and Fiji's Saoirse Breen in the second doubles game.

The victory over the West crew gave the North's girls U12 team a perfect record (2-0) in the team event as the latter ear-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's female players pose for a group photo before the start of the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji last week.

Ngirchongor gets PBT at World Champs

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The CNMI's Beouch Ngirchongor broke the 24-second barrier in the 200m qualifying run in the 15th IAAF World Championships last Tuesday at the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing, China to earn a personal best time.

Ngirchongor completed the race in 23.93 seconds to shatter his previous PBT of 24.29 seconds registered during the Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea last month. He was on Heat 2, Lane 9, of the qualifying run and finished ninth in his group. Panama's Alonso Edward won the heat with a time of 20. 11 seconds to make it to the next round along with the Netherland's Churandy Martina (20.22 seconds), France's Christophe Lemaitre (20.29), and Japan's Kei Takase (20.33). Rounding out the heat were Brazil's Bruno De Barros (20.42), Nigeria's Tega Odele (20.49), Zimba-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Beo Ngirchongor, left, and Brazil's Bruno De Barros check their times after completing the 200m qualifying run in the 15th IAAF World Championships last Tuesday at the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing, China.

Schorr, Song retain Top 5 rankings

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The CNMI's Robbie Schorr and Ken Song kept their spot in the Top 5 rankings of the Pacific Oceania U14 Circuit.

Schorr remained at second place behind Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy, while Song finished third in the leaderboard list released by Oceania Tennis Federation at the conclusion of the 2015 East Pacific Regional Championships in Fiji early this month.

Schorr was ranked No. 2 for getting 1,500 points in the 2015 North Pacific Regional Championships held in Guam last June. The 13-year-old Commonwealth player bagged the second most points as he topped the boys U14 singles event and finished third in the doubles with Song as his partner. Schorr swept all his six games in the singles match in the North regionals and had a 3-2 record in the doubles. In singles, he only dropped one out of the 13 sets he played for a 92.3 winning percentage and registered an 80-19 games won-loss record for 80.8 percent.

In the doubles, Schorr had a 60 winning percentage from matches won/loss, 63.6 percent from sets won/loss (7-4), and 58.8 percent from games won/loss (57-40). Overall, he tallied a 9-2 record (matches, 19-5 (sets), and 137-59 (games).

Schorr shared the No. 2 spot in the circuit with Tahiti's Gillian Osmont, who won the East's boys U14 singles and doubles crowns, but got lesser points in the doubles event as only two teams joined the competition. Mainguy also nailed the boys U14 singles and doubles titles in the West regional to collect 2,500 ranking points and lead 37 other players in the age group.

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The CNMI's Robbie Schorr returns to compatriot Ken Song during their third place game in the boys U14 singles event in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji last week.